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## Man hit by car, left to die

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A man was pronounced dead over the weekend after being hit by a car and left for dead in Puerto Rico.



Smith

Social media outlets blew up over the weekend with posts about a man who was left for dead by the side of the road after being hit by a dark Mazda 3 that was being driven by an unknown driver.

Yesterday, the Department of Public Safety identified the driver as 30-year-old Esequiel Smith, who has

been detained at the Department of Corrections since Sunday, Aug. 19.

Smith reportedly turned himself in to DPS at 6:50pm on Sunday, accompanied by his wife. Smith refused to be questioned but his wife allegedly told police that Smith had told her about hitting a pedestrian in Puerto

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## NMC looks for new president

» **Fernandez declines contract renewal**

By ERWIN ENCINARES  
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College is looking for a new president after incumbent president Dr. Carmen Fernandez opted not to renew her contract.

The college said a presidential search committee would be created to identify new candidates.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, NMC announced that Fernandez had opted not to have her

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## Saipan remains flooded

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Sodden Typhoon Cimaron may have already left Saipan but the island still remains flooded in several spots.

Although the typhoon did not hit Saipan directly, its gusty winds brought with it widespread rains that resulted in one of the worst floods the island has ever seen.

The Garapan area was particularly hit by the flood, especially in the area across the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and by the Northern Mari-

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### FIRE AND RAIN

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services firemen spray water inside an abandoned concrete house in Chalan Kanoa that became fully engulfed by flames yesterday.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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## PSS, NMC resume classes today

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The Public School System and the Northern Marianas College announced yesterday that classes would

resume today as typhoon conditions for Saipan and Tinian have already been lifted, with Typhoon Cimaron leaving the CNMI.

The CNMI government re-opened

yesterday at 12:30pm, soon after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres declared the "all clear" for the islands of Saipan and Tinian as of 7am yesterday morning.

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## Local

### DPW's Ada asks for public's patience

By JON PEREZ  
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The Department of Public Works is seeking the public's patience and understanding as they work double time to address flooded areas on the island yesterday, like the one at Coral Tree Avenue.

Coral Tree Avenue is located in the heart of the Garapan tourist district and is the road that leads to the construction site of the Imperial Pacific Resort and other business establishments.

Typhoon Cimaron caused massive flooding in some areas of the island, including an almost knee-deep flood right in front of the still-to-be-finished casino resort in Garapan.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said last year that the drainage pipes in Garapan were put in place decades ago, with some built during World War II. They said replacing them would need a significant amount of funding.

DPW Secretary James

Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that there are procedures to be followed—like getting clearance from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality—before opening the drainage system in Garapan.

"We waited for BECQ's clearance, then that's when we opened the drainage and then let the water go out to the ocean. We were working since yesterday morning at 8am and ended up at around 8pm. We've been also working [since yesterday] morning," said Ada. "We're monitoring all the drainages on the island. That's why we're asking for the people's patience and understanding. This is not an overnight thing. We're trying our best everyday just to work on a lot of issues."

DPW even responded to a CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management call to remove debris. "We were able to remove the big log in front of Triple J Motors with the help of the Saipan Mayor's Office

staff."

Ada said they are coordinating with other agencies like the Saipan Mayor's Office. "I acknowledge the DPW team that goes out on the street patching up potholes."

"Thank you also to the Mayor's Office for helping out in clearing the drainage system and cleaning the debris. We were able to remove all [debris] and let the water go straight out to the ocean."

He said a project is already in the planning stages to improve the Garapan tourist district drainage. "There's a plan with the drainage system that would be improved, along with the traffic in the area. So I ask people to please be patient because we're trying our very best."

Ada added that once the project to improve Garapan is done, the district, including Coral Tree Avenue, would have a better drainage system.

CNMI Homeland is also working with DPW to identify flood prone areas.

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## Abandoned CK building found ablaze

An abandoned concrete house in Chalan Kanoa was fully engulfed by flames yesterday, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

There were no reports of injuries nor was anybody treated for medical complaints at the scene.

DFEMS received a call at 11:38am from the Department of Public Safety reporting a structure fire in Chalan Kanoa District II.

Four emergency response units arrived at the scene. At 11:40am, Engine-2 from the Garapan Fire Station, Res-

cue-1 and Forestry-1 from Susupe Fire Station, and Medic-4 from Koblerville Fire Station responded to the

scene. Rescue-1, Forestry-1, and Medic-4 were the first to arrive, followed by Engine-2 at around 11:48am.

The structure fire was deemed under control at 11:56am yesterday.

Preliminary investigation

by the Arson Investigation Unit showed that the fire fully engulfed the structure. The fire reportedly started at the south-

east part of the building. The cause is undetermined and pending further investigation. (Kimberly A. Bautista)

## CEC to start receiving absentee ballot requests tomorrow

The Commonwealth Election Commission will start receiving requests for absentee ballots for the Nov. 6 election tomorrow, Thursday, CNMI time.

CEC executive director Julita Villagomez said yesterday that they will start giving forms for absentee ballots tomorrow to walk-in registered voters.

Villagomez said off-island registered voters can also start downloading and filling out their application forms for absentee ballots tomorrow.

"We will check or verify the records if they are registered voters," she added.

For walk-ins, she said, CEC staff will check the records right there and, if they are indeed registered voters, they will be told that their applications are good.

Villagomez said absentee voters will be given the ballots if CEC is already done with the printing.

For those who will use CEC's website to get the application for absentee ballots, she said they just need to fill out the form, scan it, then either email or fax it to CEC.

Villagomez said the applicants should check if CEC receives their filled-out forms.

Villagomez said during the last election, there were close to 3,000 absentee voters, including early voters.

Oct. 12, CNMI time, is the deadline for application for absentee voting by electronic/mail. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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# CUC settles ex-employee's 2 lawsuits

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has settled the two lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court and in the Superior Court by Zaji O. Zajradhara over his termination from CUC.

Zajradhara and his counsel, Monica Smith, and

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho and CUC legal counsel James Sirok filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI an agreement for the dismissal of all Zajradhara's claims with prejudice.

This means that Zajradhara

can no longer re-file the case.

The terms of the settlement are being kept confidential.

Sirok informed U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy at the settlement conference that the parties will move to dismiss the sep-

arate lawsuit that Zajradhara filed in the Superior Court.

In his lawsuit, Zajradhara alleged that, while employed with CUC, he was subjected to a hostile workplace. CUC has denied the allegations.

Zajradhara originally filed his lawsuit in 2015 against

CUC, its then-executive director Allan Fletcher, and 10 unnamed co-defendants for whistleblower/wrongful termination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The plaintiff said CUC

initially hired him as a trade technician/operator in 2012, but was moved into various positions.

He said CUC terminated him in October 2014 on the pretext that he had been caught in possession of illegal drugs, in violation of CUC drug and alcohol policy.

CUC is the remaining defendant in this case. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

## SAIPAN

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anas Housing Corp. Tourists and residents alike were seen wading through ankle-deep rainwater.

According to the Office of the Governor, a flash flood watch continues for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The statement said that rainfall of 4 to 8 inches, with heavier amounts locally, is still expected.

Members of the community are urged not to walk, swim, or drive through floodwaters.

Individuals should avoid wading in floodwater as it may contain dangerous debris and downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.

If a vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay inside and if water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.

Individuals living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop and clear any debris around drainage areas.

The community is encouraged to continue to practice

caution on the road as heavy rain is still expected to occur throughout the Marianas.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is

advising residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories that

will be available through local media.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am

today and a high risk of rip currents is seen until then. Southwesterly swell and wind waves will continue to

produce hazardous surf and a high risk of rip currents along west facing reefs through Wednesday morning.



A car tries to negotiate the floodwaters in the streets of Garapan after Typhoon Cimaron dumped as much 8 inches of rain the past couple of days on Saipan.

## MAN

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Rico sometime after midnight and leaving the scene.

On Sunday, at approximately 3:37am, DPS received a call reporting an auto-pedestrian incident adjacent to the Commonwealth Utility Corp./Best Sunshine power plant. Upon arriving at the scene, officers met with the caller who had reported the incident.

According to the caller,

he was heading north when he noticed a man lying on the ground. He immediately stopped to call the authorities.

DPS reported that the victim had noticeable injuries, was unconscious, and was partially lying on the shoulder of the northbound outer lane.

Medics arrived shortly after and rushed the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was pronounced dead at 4:01am.

According to DPS, further investigation uncovered that

the victim had been involved in a disturbance earlier Saturday evening in San Vicente where he sustained injuries from an altercation with a family member and was rushed to CHC, together with the family member. The two had another altercation in the hospital and the victim left on foot at 1:44am on Sunday.

Last Monday at 2:32pm, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio set Smith's bail at \$100,000 for operating a vehicle without a valid driver's

license, failure to exercise due care to a pedestrian, leaving the scene of an accident without rendering assistance, and homicide by vehicle.

DPS public information officer Jackie Rae said the incident is the fourth fatal car accident this year.

Last June, a female tourist who was walking with a friend on the shoulder of Beach Road in southern Garapan was injured when a vehicle mowed her down in an alleged attempt to rob her.

## NMC

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employment contract, which expires on Oct. 3, 2018, renewed.

Since the news was brought to the attention of the Board of Regents during their special meeting last Friday, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday that the NMC board would initiate the search to identify a new candidate for the college while an interim president has yet to be announced. No explanation was provided why Fernandez opted

not to renew her contract.

"The Board of Regents would like to thank Dr. Fernandez for her commitment and dedication to NMC the last two years and wish her well in her new endeavors," said NMC BOR chair Charles V. Cepeda.

"We remain committed to NMC's mission and will work with the interim president to ensure that the college continues to provide high-quality standard of education and services during the transition," he added.

In a separate statement, Fernandez said it was an "honor

and pleasure" to work with the staff and faculty of NMC. She highlighted the rising graduation rates and other "metrics of success" that continue to show "significant gains."

Fernandez became the college's president back in Sept. 30, 2016. She succeeded former NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. Fernandez started her first day as NMC president on Oct. 4, 2016.

Fernandez also served as NMC president from 2008 to 2010.

"In the past two years [2016 to 2018] we have ac-

complished much that we are proud of," she said. "I am sure that the NMC community will continue the momentum."

"I will continue to be a strong advocate of NMC, its mission, and its students," she added.

Fernandez, according to the statement from NMC, saw the completion of several major capital improvement projects, the jumpstart of NMC's program review process, the revival of key partnerships with government agencies, and making progress in meeting accreditation requirements.

## PSS

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Heavy rains since last Sunday evening halted work for non-essential government employees, including the cancellation of Saipan and Tinian classes for all public school levels. Monday afternoon, Cimaron was upgraded to a typhoon.

The cancellation of classes, which lasted from Monday to Tuesday, was lifted yesterday afternoon as PSS announced that classes on Tinian and Saipan would resume today.

NMC had cancelled classes yesterday; however, NMC employees were asked to report back to work at 1pm to help assess their areas and to also prepare for the start of the fall 2018 semester.

An official from NMC informed *Saipan Tribune* that classes would resume today, marking the first day for college students for the 2018 fall semester.

The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and the commuter terminal re-opened and went back to normal hours of operation yes-

terday. Sichuan Airlines Flight 3U8645 was delayed until 1:45pm yesterday.

A power outage occurred in the village of Kagman due to a downed transformer.

According to a press release from the Office of the Governor yesterday, PSS, which opened four of its schools across Saipan and Tinian for shelter, noted that a total of 18 sought shelter from the storm through PSS: two at Kagman High School, six at Koblerville Elementary School, 10 at Tanapag Middle School, and none at Tinian Elementary School as of 9pm last Monday. The Office of Aging under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs was also on standby as a typhoon shelter.

Although Cimaron is making its way out of the CNMI, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management retains Typhoon Condition 1 for the Northern Islands of Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan.

*Saipan Tribune* reported yesterday that Cimaron dumped 4 to 6 inches of rain, flooding several roads in Garapan and other flood-prone areas.



**CAR FIRE**

DEREK GERSONDE

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Hazmat Unit members contain the fire that engulfed a car in the parking lot of ChaCha Ocean View Middle School in Kagman as part of the 24-hour, full-scale all-hazard Konfitma exercise last week. The scenario was that the car, which was left unattended in the parking lot, had unknown substance. While assessing the vehicle, it caught on fire.

## Philippine consulate expects to service 1,000

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam expects to provide more than 1,000 services to Filipinos during their three-day consular outreach in the CNMI.

Starting yesterday until Thursday, the consular office would be offering services at Mt. Carmel Cathedral's Daidai Social Hall.

Those services include passport renewals, civil registra-

tion of vital events, certificate authentication, overseas voter registration, report of birth, report of marriage, report of death, and other consular services available for Filipinos abroad.

According to Philippine vice consul to Guam Alex Vallespin, the outreach is expected to provide over 1,000 instances of services, with passport renewal expected at

about 140 per day.

During the outreach, Filipinos are also informed of new policy changes. He noted that Philippine passports registered or renewed in 2018 would now carry the 10-year validity instead of the previous five.

Vallespin also added that birth certificates should be printed on Philippine Statistics Authority security paper.

"Supporting document,

whether birth certificates, marriage certificates, etc. should be on PSA paper," he said.

The consular outreach would last for three days or up to Thursday.

Several volunteer members of the Filipino community on Saipan, including Annamae Adaza, Anthony Chavez, Teresita Tan, Anna Mercado, Renato Gaviola, Shelfa Gaviola, Lucy Buen-salido, Leticia Conching, and several others, assisted with the outreach yesterday.

### » 2018 PH passports now valid for 10 years

## Part-owner of a company in CW1 scheme pleads guilty

One of two owners of a company pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday in connection with the allegations that they engaged in fraud in the applications for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program permits.

Kosuke Tomokiyo pleaded guilty to one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits as part of a plea deal

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, who presided over the hearing, said she would recommend to Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to accept Tomokiyo's guilty plea.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley appeared for the U.S. government.

According to court documents, Tomokiyo is vice president and part owner of K.C.A. Corp. His co-defendant, Mizanur Khan, who is president and part-owner of the company, is charged with four counts of fraud and misuse of visas and permits and two counts of mail fraud.

According to the indictment, Khan lied to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Aug. 5, 2015, that three foreign workers would be employed by K.C.A. as an "operation service worker (charcoal maker)" and that they would be employed for 40 hours per week, for one

year.

On Aug. 22, 2016, Khan and Tomokiyo allegedly lied to USCIS that Tomokiyo had previously been and was to be employed by K.C.A. as a

"sales manager," and that Tomokiyo had been employed in that capacity since January 2016.

On June 6, 2015, and Aug. 22, 2016, Khan, for the

purpose of executing the scheme, allegedly delivered several I-129CW petitions to USCIS by the U.S. Postal Services and carrier DHL. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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# Propst: Future of IPI a concern

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REPORTER

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) said the issues surrounding Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC should be a concern since the casino operator is the sole licensee on the island, unlike in other countries where there's no monopoly.

Issues about IPI contractor GPPC Inc. being owed payment, partial delay in the release of payroll, and the recent resignation of two ranking IPI officials were some of the issues that has hounded IPI in the past few weeks.

It was recently reported that Cai Lingli has stepped down as director of the company and chair of IPI's executive

committee. She is a relative of majority owner Cui Li Jie and is the second IPI board member to resign after Marco Teng as IPI chair.

"Factoring all the recent events, we need to be very concerned about the future of our casino. Because they are not just one competitor, this is a sole source, single license. It is a monopoly," Propst told *Saipan Tribune*. "It's one thing if there were competitors and one was not doing well, while the other is thriving. But that's not the case here. The frustration is that because if there's only one license, if it fails, the entire casino industry fails."

Propst is open to revisiting Public Law 18-38 that allowed casino gaming on Saipan. "Be-

cause there's only one licensee, perhaps we should revisit that and allow other casinos to compete. Competition is good."

"If you look at the \$15-million annual license fee, for a sole source that's peanuts. The real money is from taxes. We saw how much can be generated strictly from the business gross revenue tax, which is applied to all businesses."

He added that Saipan is the only one that does not collect a gaming tax, unlike Tinian and Rota, but that would be a problem now. "Apparently we could not even have a 1 percent gaming tax because this casino is struggling financially. If they were not struggling, they would not have a problem making payroll."

Propst said it in his best interest to see the casino industry on Saipan succeed but laws must be implemented and followed. "I want the casino industry on Saipan to thrive but I also want it to be properly regulated and to follow all laws—local, federal, and environmental laws. ... The fact that the casino license agreement has been amended five times to benefit the casino without benefitting the people is disappointing."

He is suggesting that safeguards be put in place if IPI is granted another extension. "There will be a sixth amendment to once again extend the completion deadline for the casino."

"The CNMI government must renegotiate its terms

to include at the very least a completion or performance bond to ensure the casino hotel overlooking Garapan will be completed, even if IPI decides to leave or suspend their business operations."

Propst said CNMI officials—the Commonwealth Casino Commission and both gaming committees in the Legislature—should find answers to a lot of issues and other questions.

"The best solution is to have an honest and transparent conversation with IPI [officials]. The Aug. 31 deadline is quickly approaching. It's less than two weeks away. If they don't have the financial capacity to complete casino, then we should be concerned."

He said it would be a huge problem for the CNMI if ever the hotel project is left undone.

"Imagine if that building stays that way for the next several decades. It will be a haunting reminder that this casino failed us all."

"It is in the CNMI's best interest to see it succeed but we need to be on point with that. To ensure that they are following the law and everything. Are we expected to ignore all of these violations?"

Propst pointed out that elected officials need to make sure all laws—local and federal—are implemented. "We're public servant leaders, we're elected to make sure that we uphold and protect all laws. ... They are giving us money, so [we're just supposed to] just turn our heads and pretend we don't see anything? A large industry come in and violates multiple local and federal laws and get away with it. ... When are we going to learn?"

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The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC SECTIONS 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 prohibiting gratuities, kickbacks and contingent fees shall apply.

/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
CHIEF JUSTICE

/s/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ  
JUDICIARY PROCUREMENT OFFICER

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Commonwealth Judiciary**  
Guma' Hustisia, Imwal Aweewe, House of Justice  
P.O. Box 502165, Saipan MP 96950  
Telephone (670) 236-9770 Facsimile (670)236-9797

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-13**  
SUBMISSION DATE: September 21, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"PURCHASE OF ONE MONOCHROME MULTIFUNCTION MACHINE FOR THE CNMI JUDICIARY"**

The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting invitation for bids for one monochrome multifunction machine.

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## Northern Marianas Humanities Council

*Navigating the Human Experience*

## Call for Nominations 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).**

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at [www.northern-marianashumanities.org](http://www.northern-marianashumanities.org).

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 12 October 2018.**

Awards will be presented in a special ceremony in October (time, date and venue to be announced).

**For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785.**



## NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI hereby seeks comments and/or suggestions from the community on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2019 as follows:

### Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES (FY 2019)

[CLIENT / COMMUNITY SERVICES]

**GOAL 1: To provide legally-based advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families in the CNMI.**

**Priority 1.1:** Facilitate appropriate advocacy and provide direct representation for eligible individuals with disabilities in the community (at least one more than the previous fiscal year).

**Priority 1.2:** Facilitate sufficient technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and other members of the general community at large.

**Priority 1.3:** Facilitate appropriate representation for un/underserved individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to those living in institutions or other housing facilities).

**GOAL 2: To advance the understanding of and appreciation for Protection & Advocacy services and disability-related issues in the CNMI.**

**Priority 2.1:** Facilitate opportunities for the community to engage in learning about disability-related issues.

**Priority 2.2:** Promote the understanding of local and federal disability laws.

**Priority 2.3:** Foster local capacity in self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

[ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS]

**GOAL 3: To enhance the quality of protection & advocacy services and the efficiency of the organization's operations.**

**Priority 3.1:** Maintain an efficient, effective and legally-compliant administrative operation.

**Priority 3.2:** Maintain an effective, diverse and knowledgeable staff and board of directors.

**Priority 3.3:** Ensure sufficient and sustainable funding in support of organization's mission.

**For anything further, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] or contact us on-line at [www.nmpasi.org](http://www.nmpasi.org).**

\*NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).



# Apatang: Revisit Garapan revitalization project

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang hopes the Department of Public Works and the Marianas Visitors Authority would revisit the planned Garapan revitalization program in order to avoid floods in the area in the future.

Since Monday morning, Typhoon Cimaron dumped

at least 8 inches of rain on Saipan, causing floods in many areas on the island, including Coral Tree Avenue, the road in front of the ongoing construction site of the Imperial Pacific Resort in the Garapan tourist district.

"They need to do some assessment since it wasn't like that before. Somebody needs to look into that. DPW needs to check it out and make sure ev-

erything is taken care off before the next storm hits us," Apatang told *Saipan Tribune*. "As far as the one in front of [Imperial Pacific], DPW needs to look into that. The design there was done, I guess, by DPW. Whoever approved the design, somebody needs to look into that. It was never like that before."

Apatang said the revitalization program should be studied carefully and be implemented, especially now that foot and vehicular traffic in the area has increased.

The area contains many hotels, restaurants, and other business establishments.

Apatang said the drainage system in the area could have been clogged up by the many

hotels and business establishments that have been operating in the area, in addition to the ongoing construction of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's hotel.

"Maybe the drainage got clogged up. It was really bad. It has a big drainage there that goes straight to the ocean. I don't know what happened. If it's blocked, clogged up, or the waterway was closed," he said.

Apatang said businesses near the flooded areas were affected after Coral Tree Avenue was submerged in almost knee-deep floodwater. "It [the road] was really bad. You can't pass through there. The road in front of Fiesta [Resort & Spa Saipan] was flooded."



The Garapan area remains flooded as a result of Typhoon Cimaron that passed through the CNMI yesterday. KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

## Beyer appointed SIS principal

Saipan International School announced yesterday the appointment of Steven Beyer as the school's elementary/middle school principal effective Aug. 13, 2018.

At the same time, SIS has hit another all-time high enrollment number "and is looking forward to the increase in student services" that Beyer will bring with his new role.

Beyer earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western State College of Colorado and his master's degree in education from Oregon State University. He is certified in elementary education and in math and science education grades K-8.

This is Beyer's eighth year at SIS where he has taught most subjects in middle school and has served as the middle school



Beyer

team leader for the last five years. Beyer has been instrumental in improving the quality of education for the Saipan International School Middle School where he has successfully implemented several new programs, including a highly popular ukulele elective and SIS's first competitive robotics program.

Beyer joins the SIS leadership team of Ron Snyder, headmaster; Mili Saiki, office manager; Whitney Altizer, counselor; and SIS' new high school team leader, Robin Spaeth. (SIS)

## Part owner of a company in CW1 scheme pleads guilty

One of two owners of a company entered a guilty plea yesterday in federal court in connection with the allegations that they engaged in fraud in the applications for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program (CW1) permits.

Kosuke Tomokiyo pleaded guilty to one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, who presided over the hearing,

said she would recommend to Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to accept Tomokiyo's guilty plea.

Tomokiyo signed a plea deal with the U.S. government.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley appeared for the U.S. government.

According to court documents, Tomokiyo is vice president and part owner of K.C.A. Corp. His co-defendant, Mizanur Khan, who is president and part owner of the company, is being charged

with four counts of fraud and misuse of visas and permits and two counts of mail fraud.

According to the indictment, on Aug. 5, 2015, Khan falsely to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that three foreign workers would be employed by K.C.A. as an "operation service worker (charcoal maker)" and that they would be employed in that capacity for 40 hours per week, for a period of one year.

On Aug. 22, 2016, Khan

and Tomokiyo allegedly falsely represented to USCIS that Tomokiyo had previously been and was to be employed by K.C.A. as a "sales manager," and that Tomokiyo had been employed in that capacity since January 2016.

On June 6, 2015 and Aug. 22, 2016, Khan, for the purpose of executing the scheme allegedly delivered by the U.S. Postal Services and commercial interstate carrier DHL, respectively, several I-129CW petitions. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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# EPA gives CUC \$250K for additional water meters

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is giving the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. \$250,000 for another round of water meter installations.

According to EPA, CUC has only 35 percent of drinking water produced, pumped, and chlorinated by CUC is being billed and generating revenue.



O'Brien

Bradley R. O'Brien, senior lawyer of the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section, disclosed that the \$250,000 will also be used to relocate meters to accessible sites, to install the correctly type of meters, and to replace defective ones.

CUC reports that water meter replacement is continuing. O'Brien briefly discussed CUC's water meters issue in the U.S. government's status report that he filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week.

O'Brien said that CUC continues to report that it is not billing customers adequately to cover the costs of service.

He said CUC reports non-revenue water amounts to about 65 percent, meaning

only 35 percent of drinking water produced, pumped, and chlorinated by CUC is being billed and generating revenue.

He said CUC reports it is losing approximately 200 million gallons per month of produced water.

O'Brien said the costs associated with the lost water is passed on to paying customers.

Citing a declaration by EPA inspector John Tinger, O'Brien said the reasons for this loss include leaks, failed water meters, and theft.

On the other hand, CUC said it is considering the addition of a new technology that will give it the ability to read and monitor water meters electronically.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho and CUC deputy executive director William B. Gilmore disclosed in their quarterly report filed in federal court last week that they will be evaluating and testing this summer this adaptive system known as Spindal.

CUC presently uses Knight-hawk I phase electric meters, which are tied to a wireless system known as Pay-Go which handles automatic control (on/

off), reading of meter, advanced payment to avoid losing power, and automatic notification when account is low on funds.

Camacho and Gilmore said the Spindal system pig-

gybacks on the original host (Pay-Go) to monitor water meters the same way, which could eliminate meter reading.

They said the current meters will allow for this system to

plug-in and function.

They said CUC has seen an increase in account balances and they hope to continue seeing improvement in meter accuracy. There are still 39 flat rate ac-

counts that CUC is targeting for meter installations. They have been delayed due to the expected large cost to relocate service lines, road repair, and new meter box and meter installation.

## Insular areas to get \$1.5M to combat invasive species

**WASHINGTON**—The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved \$1,488,890 in fiscal year 2018 grants to combat invasive species and protect natural resources in American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

"Invasive species in the islands are disruptive for both marine and terrestrial resources in the islands, which already face a delicate balance," said Doug Domenech, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs. "[Interior] Secretary [Ryan] Zinke and I are pleased to help control and eradicate invasive species in the islands in order to protect public health, livelihoods, and fragile environments and economies."

Funding provided are as follows:

■ CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources: \$95,170 to fund an inva-

sive species coordinator. The coordinator's primary task is to provide policy direction, coordinate among local and federal agencies, and plan for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations such as the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros*, recently discovered in the CNMI.

An additional amount of \$123,454 will support continuation of the coconut rhinoceros beetle detection, eradication, and preventive program, initially funded by Office of Insular Affairs in 2017 when the CRB was first discovered on Rota.

■ Guam Department of Agriculture: \$200,264 to eradicate and manage little fire ant infestation in the 502-acre Cotal Conservation Area in Santa Rita, which borders residential areas and military land. Nearly 15 percent of the area, or 70 acres, has been infested.

■ U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Land and Natural Resources: \$43,557 to develop a website and outreach plan to create awareness about invasive species and their impacts in the territory, and create a link between resource managers, educators, policy makers, and the general public on invasive species and potential eradication plans. In 2016, DLNR developed the first invasive species action plan for the territory.

■ American Samoa govern-

ment: \$459,274 to remove and dispatch feral cats and dogs as well as rats on the islands of Ofu and Olosega, which carry and transmit disease as well as disrupt and destroy endemic bird species. Funds will also be used to clear seedbanks of the invasive tamaligi tree, *Falcatoria moluccana*, that were created after the disturbance in the forests caused by Cyclone Gita; restore coastal forest areas with salt-resistant native tree species; and restore the Nu'u'uli wetland, stream, and watershed. The American Samoa government will conduct several of these activities in partnership with the National Park Service in American Samoa.

■ Kosrae Association of Tourism Operators: \$24,961 to address a recent outbreak of the crown of thorns starfish, *Acanthaster planci*, on coral reefs in Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia.

■ Palau Conservation Society: \$182,210 to remove and clear the invasive flowering vine, *Merremia peltata*, from terrestrial protected areas in Babeldaob and the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon UNESCO World Heritage site. The PCS will partner closely with the Palau Bureau of Agriculture, local leaders, and communities in this effort.

■ Yap Department of Resources and Development: \$120,000 to assess, eradicate,

and control a little fire ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata*, infestation on the island of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia. Plans include outreach efforts with local communities to prevent, manage, and control the spread of the LFA initially discovered on Yap in August 2017. The governor of Yap has since issued an emergency declaration following the discovery of a third infestation site.

■ Island conservation: \$240,000 for the removal of an infestation of harmful black rats and mangrove monitor lizards in Ulithi Atoll, Yap, Federated States of Micronesia. Rats and lizards are destroying important food gardens as well as nesting grounds for sea turtles and birds. Island Conservation will be working closely with the traditional leadership and communities of Ulithi to help protect these natural resources and people's livelihood.

Funds are made available through the Office of Insular Affairs' Coral Reef and Natural Resources initiative through which combating invasive species had been identified as a priority for 2018 applicants from the insular areas. Applications are submitted from October through May 1 each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted. **(DOI)**



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



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# INVITATION FOR BIDS

## CUC-IFB-18-030

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### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES (FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** for one IFB package set.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org, Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email address-christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator



## INVITATION FOR BID

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### CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING LOT FOR SISTER REMEDIOS COMMUNITY CENTER

Karidat is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the construction of a parking lot for the Sister Remedios Community Center located on Chalan Kanoa Drive in Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan.

Scope of work is available beginning August 23, 2018 at the Karidat Administration Office at the Sister Remedios Community Center. Requests may be sent via email to Judith Pangelinan at [judy.pangelinan@karidat.org](mailto:judy.pangelinan@karidat.org).

Questions or requests for clarification must be in writing and addressed to Ms. Judith I. Pangelinan and may be sent via email at [judy.pangelinan@karidat.org](mailto:judy.pangelinan@karidat.org) no later than September 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM. Response to questions will be no later than September 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

The Award of this project is contingent upon final approval the Karidat Board of Directors.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sister Remedios Community Center Parking Lot" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the Karidat Administration Office at the Sister Remedios Community Center located on Chalan Kanoa Drive in Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan, no later than September 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at which time the bids will be publically opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

/s/ Lauri B. Ogumoro  
Executive Director

/s/ Judith I. Pangelinan  
Administrative Officer

Ronel Macalinao/Cendy Macalinao  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER )  
OF THE PETITION TO )  
APPOINT GENERAL )  
GUARDIANSHIP FOR: )  
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(D.O.B. 09/22/01) )  
E.E.M.M. )  
(D.O.B. 12/04/06) )  
Minor Children, )  
By: )  
RONEL MACALINAO & )  
CENDY MACALINAO )  
Petitioners )

FCD-GU-CIVIL )  
ACTION NO. )  
18-0229 )  
**ORDER** )  
**AFTER** )  
**HEARING** )

THIS MATTER came before the Court for Guardianship Hearing on August 06, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Room 2. Both Petitioners were not present.

Based on the matters adduced, this matter is continued to September 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at a location to be determined.

SO ORDERED on this date set forth above in the year, 2018.

/s/ TERESA KIM-TENORIO, Associate Judge



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### EDITORIAL

## Trump can win on federal prison reform

**T**he tale told by incarceration statistics in the United States is staggering. The nation, with about 5 percent of the world's population, has 21 percent of the world's prisoners. African-Americans are incarcerated at about five times the rate of white people, often for drug-related crimes, even though study after study shows the two groups use and sell drugs at similar rates. Much of that disparity is due to unfairly harsh sentences levied against those convicted of crimes involving crack cocaine, whose use is more prevalent in the black population than the powder cocaine more commonly used by whites.

The federal prison system houses about 184,000 inmates, up from 65,000 in 1990. The increase is largely due to mandatory minimum sentences adopted in 1986. And 75 percent of released prisoners end up back behind bars within five years.

For years, a bipartisan consensus has grown around the idea of significant reform in the federal criminal justice and prison systems. The goal is to send fewer people to prison, keep the ones who are jailed in for shorter periods, and take concrete steps to prepare them to live law-abiding, productive lives in society once they get out, so they can stay out.

Now that consensus has a chance to become change, with much of the fresh momentum coming from President Donald Trump.

Most American prisoners are in state institutions, and the federal push is for ideas that are starting to work to reduce prison populations and recidivism at the state level. Trump recently held a summit with governors from states confronting prison and sentencing reform.

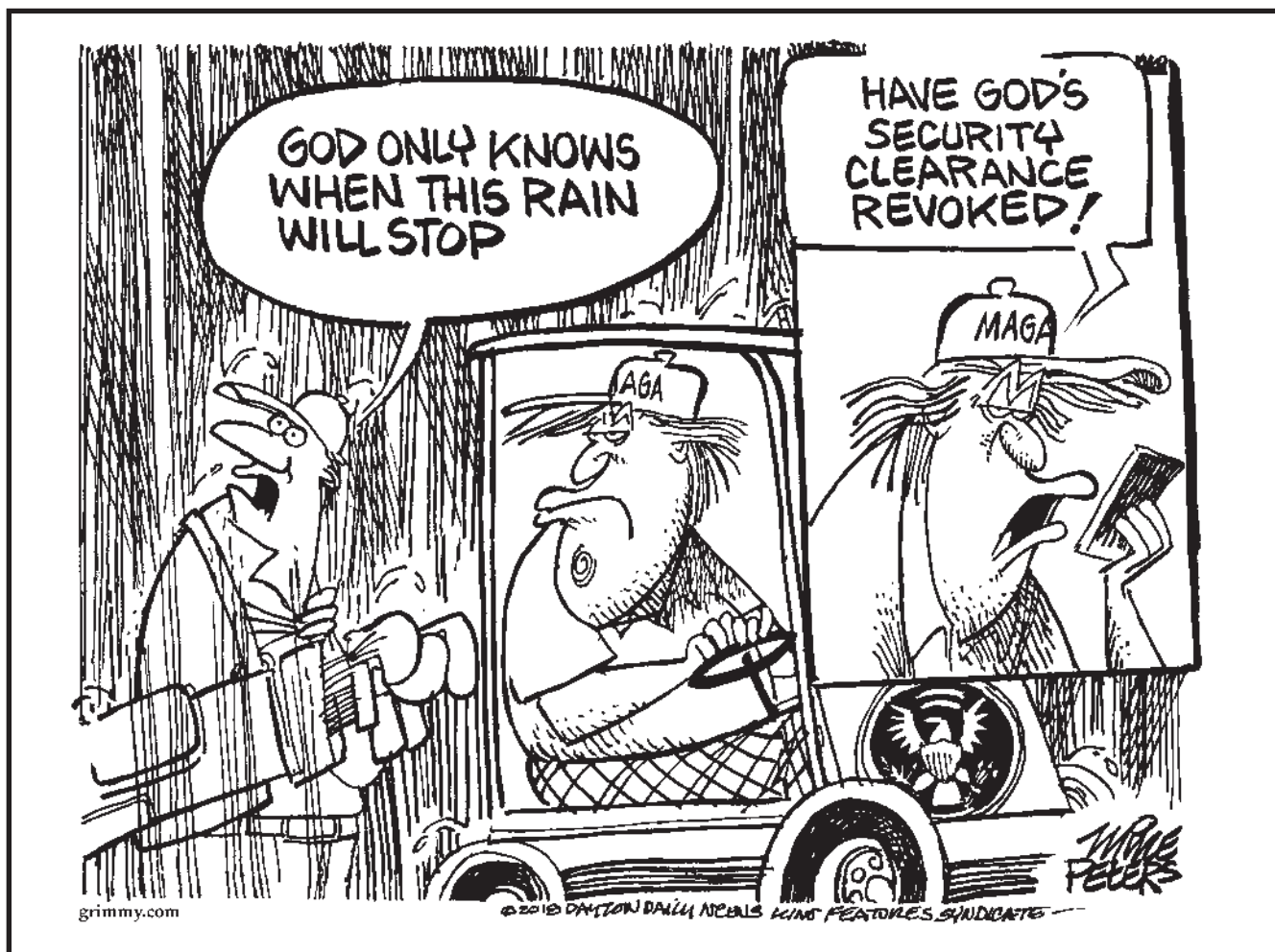
The first step is, aptly, the First Step Act, a bill that boils down to getting inmates prepared for life after prison and then getting them released. Passed with broad bipartisan support in the House of Representatives, the bill would provide \$250 million for a five-year program to fund inmate education, job training and rehabilitation. Inmates who participate and succeed would be credited time toward early release or be allowed to transition more quickly to alternatives like home confinement and halfway houses. And in five years, we'd know a lot more about what works and be even better able to make progress.

The second step, which has garnered support in the Senate, involves shortening unreasonably long mandatory minimum sentences, often life, for some felony drug offenders, letting judges impose lighter sentences for nonviolent crimes, and reducing overly harsh sentences already levied in cases that involved crack cocaine.

Some Democrats say the plans don't go far enough, but that is myopic thinking on an issue in which any progress has been elusive. Some Republicans, including Attorney General Jeff Sessions, have said these initiatives are soft on crime. They are letting the political plank and puritanical impulses of being tough on crime blind them to the facts of what excessive incarceration is doing to this nation.

The cost in dollars budgeted, lives wasted and families torn apart is staggering. Trump, by pushing for passage of a combined bill in both chambers, has the opportunity to bring home a victory that would be broadly cheered, and he needs to do so.—The editorial board

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## This is why we should support Trump on immigration

**D**onald Trump was serious when he campaigned on stricter enforcement of immigration laws. With “zero-tolerance” for illegal border crossers, a travel moratorium from certain countries and stricter limits on the number of legal immigrants, the president has kept his promise (short of building the wall) to reduce the number of newcomers to the United States.

Even people who disagree with Trump's approach on immigration—or think they disagree—should support him. Because it's not about what might be the best immigration policy but rather who gets to make it.

The president, in his crude way, is simply standing up for the right of the people to be represented by their government and for their wishes to have some voice in their governing. In other words, it's about the consent of the governed to say what their country is—and “who we are.”

The media has long focused on Trump's incendiary remarks, conflating his often-savage denunciations of criminals who are illegal immigrants with immigrants in general. But the press overlooks or dismisses his basic point, which he stated and restated throughout his campaign: “A nation without borders is not a nation.”

Ronald Reagan, who famously spoke of America as a “shining city on a hill” and a beacon for immigrants, said almost the same thing ahead of his decision to extend amnesty to 2 million unlawful aliens (the statutory designation) in 1986.

America is a nation whose first duty is to its citizens. That's why, as historian Victor Davis Hanson points out, Trump loves to use the first-person plural possessive at his rallies: “our” miners, “our” farmers, “our” vets and “our” workers.

Trump grasped something that few of his ostensible Republican allies in Congress have not: Americans by and large will welcome anyone who is willing to work and contribute to make this country a better place, but not at their expense. What's good for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (a longtime proponent of “comprehensive immigration reform”) is not necessarily good for the rest of the nation.

But are Trump's policies any good?

Separating families at the border may not have been required by law, but a reading of the law certainly allowed for it (until a federal judge ruled otherwise). Whether or not it made sense to separate young children from their mothers, the alternative was either to detain children alongside other adults or simply let illegal border crossers go free on their own recognizance. That would have been just the sort of “catch-and-release” policy the

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president vowed to end.

If Trump's enforcement efforts are bad, then what's the alternative?

Prominent Democrats—including U.S. Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and New York congressional candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez—have called for abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the agency responsible for enforcing immigration laws.

I say: Go for it. Campaign on that! Let's put it to a vote and see how it shakes out.

For what it's worth, public opinion is generally somewhere between the Trump restrictionist camp on the right and the shut down ICE and open borders camp on the left.

A Politico/Morning Consult poll in July found only 25 percent of voters favored abolishing the agency. Another 21 percent were undecided, and 54 percent were opposed. A HuffPost/YouGov poll conducted around the same time yielded similar results. Most respondents admitted they hadn't even heard of the idea. Of those that had, just 21 percent said they supported getting rid of ICE.

In other words, the public in general looks at immigration in a somewhat more nuanced way than do our elites, who tend to answer objections to greater immigration enforcement with two words: “That's racist.”

Sovereignty is not racist. Consent of the governed is not racist. Consent, in fact, underpins our immigration laws, or at least it used to. As the U.S. Supreme Court said in 1884: “No one can become a citizen of a nation without its consent.”

A century later, the left-leaning philosopher Michael Walzer argued in his book “Spheres of Justice” that “Admission and exclusion are the core of communal independence...without them, there could not be communities of character, historically ongoing associations of men and women with some special commitment to one another and some special sense of their common life.”

In short, consent is a vital part of what makes us “who we are.”



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## Pinadesin Empleau

**G**uaha mas ke 14-mit na empleau guine man-hinehgsi didog na sapet pot tagpapa suetdu. Lastima i anunsiun adelantun ekonomia. Ti man-pinalala'e los prohimus suetdun niha. Lastima!

Na ti mahatsa suetdun niha i manma'gas 80 pot sientu? Mañge para i mayotmenti?

Otdinariamente, 'nai ha adelanta-gue' ekonomia debi u tinatiye ensegidas ni hatsadan suetdun todun empleau. Lau ti masusedi este. Memegaiña man-gatdun gi sumen tagpapa' na suetdu esta pa'gu. Dios mihu!

Makat in' li'e pinadesin tautau? Na ti mangai familia hamyu lokue'? Mañge offresimientun ayudu? Hafa in' pepe' lu ha' anen 15-mit na empleau?

In' latgaye hamyu \$31,600 gi un' sigidu mientras mas ke 15-mit na empleau man-ñgaha' hulu' gi lañget na puede guaha maseha dididi'. Na tiha miresi adelantun fuetsan familia mahan nesessidat lokue'? Manu gi este na asunto ti in' kemprendi?

**Finapos-ta:** Hu ribisa finapos-ta 40 años na tiempu. Guaha siha man-mauleg na adelantu ni umatbansan linala' tautau-ta gi halum rimulinun tinilaika.

In' hassu na taya' high school guine esta kase mediu sisienta siha na sakan? Guihe na tiempu gigon monhayan hau Saipan Intermediate School gi ochu gradu aligau hinanaumu para GW high school giya Guam 'sino Father Duenas.

Ni medical referral: 'An seriusu na pinadesin hinemlu' pues ta naña gi NOB (Maturana) 'sino hagas Dr. Torres estake madisponi i malañgu. Pa'gu kontodu malinig ulu libianu mana hanau para hospitat sanhiyuñg lau gaigne ha' i CHC. Politika!

Esta i uttimun sitienta na sakan 'nai guaha mababa programan homestead giya China Town. Antes de este man-achiget i familia gi gima' i amku' 'sino haye yo'ase' na parentela. Dios mihu!

I ruplanu ayu ha' guaha i nina' fattun PanAm. Teña man-hanau hit para i hagas plasa (Koblerville) man-ega' 'nai hana' fan boka hit manadan potbus 'an ha birague' para u hanau. Pa'gu todun klasen ruplanu man-gugupu kontodu dulalas!

Antes taya' programan ritirau. 'An dimalas offisiomu pues tutuhun mañufa' gi gualu' familia 'sino muñgaha' hau todun dia. Pa'gu, ta rikokohe check pagamientun man-ritirau kada kinsi dias kontodu social security. Bien felis!

Un' tiempu hu repara na hasan natibu tali'e gai bisnis. Sige hu guadog para bai komprendi. Era, taigue kutturan bisnis gi haga' natibu. Chinema' este ni kutturan gestau inana'e yan ina'ayuda. Todun tiempu tana fañañge i bisinu ni suetted-ta kau guihan pat kinisechan gualu'. Na mamahlau para un' bendi bisinumu!

Lau matulaika dispues guatu gi bendi. Esta taya', "Ta lku il-egña si nanahu apprubecha maseha dididi'", un' platun guihan. Pagu, "Ilegña si nanahu \$10 pesos este baliña". Kase mattirun nesessidat familia umafuetsas este na tinilaika. Buenu!

Maseha dispasiu kinalamtenta patte este gi sisteman demokrasi na sisteman gobiernamentu. Mas aseguru ke che'chu' hasupag!

**Modu:** I famaguon na tiempu man-chettun matan niha gi iphones yan ipads. Achog oran senan familia gaigne matan niha gi attifisiu na hugetin niha. Ha displanta hagas homlu' na konbetsasion saina yan patgon 'sino familia. Puru pa'gu konbetsasion batunis!

Dañkulu fuetsan mafanana'an Digital Age parehu ha' gi hinemlu' yan edukasion. Puedi i man-ma'gas-ta makonduse amanu i siña benefisiun teknalay (technology). 'An tana'e animu ya dinanche pues manfelis famaguon-ta para mona.

**Ineyag:** I hinalum mafanana'an Digital Age—pot usun modetnu na teknalay yan Internet—ha tulaika hagas ineyag offisiu siha. Esta ti magpu' gi eskuela, chochu' yan ritirau na fina'pus. Presisu na un' rikonose haf' mas siña un' eyag pot para un' adel-

## Kudos to DPA Car Mart!

By MAX AGUON  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**I**want to share with people how thankful and proud I am as a man, a father, and community member of this island, especially for my love of the Sugar Dock Bantalan.

I've made it my life commitment to take care of our Bantalan for many years and I, along with my children, my family, and many others who take care of the area, have made it a special place where we go to everyday, for special occasions but also take care of it so our visitors and people can appreciate it.

I never had any expectations to be recognized for what I do for the Bantalan and feel very emotional for God's blessings when, one day, when I visited the DPA Car Mart in San Antonio to see if I can buy a used car for my personal use, the owner, Mr. Pengcheng (PC) Wu, recognized me and asked if I'm the guy he always sees cleaning up the Bantalan. Mr. PC told me that he goes to the Chalan Kanoa beach with his family and takes his

son there a lot and always sees me with my broken-down pickup truck pulling loads of trash on the trailer and thought I was being paid to do that. He was surprised to find out that I wasn't. I walked out of DPA Car Mart with another pickup truck from Mr. PC that he donated so I can continue taking care of the Bantalan and continue my good work and love for a very special place for many of our people and visitors.

I am so overwhelmed with thankfulness and still can't believe that someone would take notice of something that I do for love and as a community service.

A few years ago, Speaker Ralph Demapan, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan, and members of the Legislature also recognized me for my community service for the Bantalan by presenting me with a House resolution and I took that recognition with great pride and didn't expect that, one day, I will also be given such a big gift by a stranger to continue what I do.

Mr. PC said his donation to me is his way to thank me for my volunteer work for the Bantalan and our community and also for his thanks to all who have made DPA Car Mart continue its busi-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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anta haf' pagu offisiomu 'sino komplidu nuebu na offisiu.

Poresu na diariu hu tataitai manadan materiati para bai kega-cha' haf' guaha siha gi oriya-ta gi entalu' nasion tat kumu Japon, China yan otru siha. Man-atbansau kontodu iya Filipinas entalu' asuntun peska yan fangualan. Presisu na ta atan haf' taimanu 'nai siña este siha na nasion ta faisen ayudu. Ha sedi hit i inakofotman Covenant chumogue este. Mauleg ta tutuhun umatan taimanu chehegueña.

**Kanta:** Un' kanta ha menti un' kilu'us gi chagu' hogsu'. Ha signifika makat na sapet yan pinadesi. "Bai bisita ayu na kilu'us ya bai tulaika yan un' gatbun kurona", ilegña un' kanta.

Kinemprenden pot signifkasion kilu'us. Sessu hu dandan 'an mananaitai 'sino mamañge'yu'. Hana' humiddi, katma yan pasifiku sentimentog-hu gi tutuhun ha'ane.

Mauleg dispues hinanau-hu gi dia. Gi katkuet manera i Saina todun disposision. Asuntun petsonat na linala' espirituat. Mauleg in' pega papa' añklan espirituat diariu ya u fitme kareran miyu.

**Yo-Amte:** Dos klasen yo-amte (suruhanu) hu totpi desde antes. I unu mauleg gi usun tinanum tanu' tat kum hagin, lasas yan hale' troñku. I otru gai fuetsa gi tinayuyotña 'an man-amte. Todun dos hu chagi. Todun inamten niha maguñg.

I tatatte mafatu esta pa'gu (maseha esta madispona) ha rikonose-yu' 'an guaha pinadesihu. Todun dos lokue' tatnai fatta gi tinayuyot-hu diariu. Huñgan guaha man-yo-amte 'guine ya mauleg na ayudu gi haye numesessita.

ness this past seven years.

On Monday, we recognized Mr. PC and the DPA Car Mart company for their donation and I still can't believe that something like this happened to me. I thank Mr. PC again for his generosity and goodness not just for me but also for our people and I wish him, his family, and business with many more years of success.

I also thank Speaker Ralph Demapan and SNILD chair Rep. John Paul Sablan for joining us at the DPA Car Mart office yesterday to recognize Mr. PC with an appreciation plaque and also for all they do for the Bantalan and the people of Precinct 2. I also thank the many volunteers of the Bantalan for all they do and for loving and taking care of the Bantalan as much as I do.

I want to encourage our people, especially our *manhoben*, to take pride in our islands and to find something to do to make our islands a better place for our people and our visitors. If you do it with goodness and love, rewards will come even if you think no one is watching. Look what happened to me! I am a very blessed man and I am very happy to share my story today. I hope one day you will share a similar story.



House Speaker Ralph Demapan and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan join Max Aguon in presenting an appreciation plaque to Pengcheng (PC) Wu of DPA Car Mart.

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# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN


TODAY



Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲84° ▼77°


THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲84° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.

▲85° ▼77°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼78°

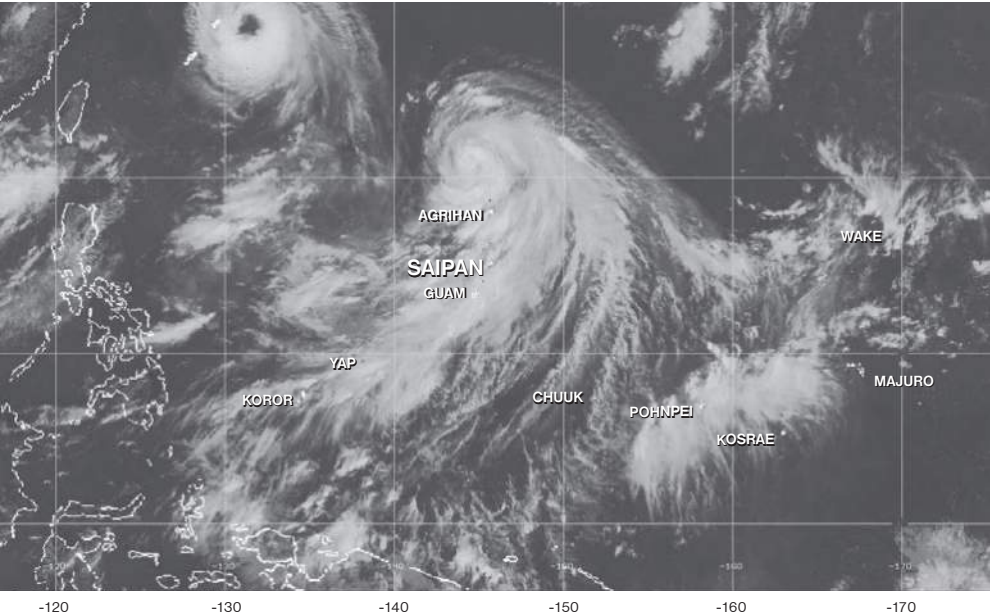
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 7:47 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Conditions are slowly improving across the Marianas. The Tropical Storm Warning has been cancelled for Tinian and Saipan. A monsoon tail continues to affect the islands, however, and will continue to generate showers and thunderstorms through late Wednesday morning. Showers will begin to decrease this evening with cloud cover thinning out a bit Wednesday afternoon. A fairly dry pattern will then move in to the region, with only isolated showers for the remainder of the week. As of now, the weekend looks to be partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Showers	57° / 48°	
Beijing	Sunny	90° / 70°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 78°	
London	Partly Cloudy	79° / 61°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 66°	
Manila	Showers	84° / 79°	
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	63° / 37°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	89° / 79°	
New York	Showers	85° / 65°	
Osaka	Rain	90° / 82°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	81° / 61°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90° / 68°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	86° / 67°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 55°	
Seoul	Showers	84° / 73°	
Tokyo	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Showers	85° / 65°	



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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:44 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.65	
11:18 AM	LOW TIDE	0.04	
6:29 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.64	
11:44 PM	LOW TIDE	1.15	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:34 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:33 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:19 AM	3:33 PM
Thursday	-	3:07 AM	4:20 PM
Friday	-	3:56 AM	5:05 PM
Saturday	-	4:46 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	-	5:35 AM	6:31 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



## TanHoldings, TSLF are Green Gala sponsors

TanHoldings Corp. and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation have signed on as title sponsors of the “Green Gala,” an annual fundraiser hosted by the environment group Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

“Tan Siu Lin Foundation and TanHoldings...recognize and appreciate the various environmental awareness and conservation efforts by Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, as they inspire our group of companies to ‘go green’ and safeguard the environment,” said Jerry Tan, president of TanHoldings Corp. “We live in paradise, and everyone should do their part to protect our natural resources and keep our islands beautiful.” This was echoed by Dave Guerrero, treasurer of MINA’s board of directors. “It’s MINA’s mission to foster community conservation efforts for the health

of our environment, and we at MINA are proud that we continue to garner the support of our community, such as the good folks at TanHoldings and TSL Foundation, who believe in the work that we do.”

Somia Quan, MINA vice president, added that MINA’s efforts at outreach and education in the community about keeping beaches and ocean clean, plus the work of the Tasi Watch Rangers, are made possible through the support of dedicated sponsors. “We wholeheartedly thank them for their contribution to our ongoing efforts to keep our land and sea litter free.”

The Green Gala is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2018, at the Hibiscus Hall, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Purchase tickets early, which are available at the MINA office or from board members. Call MINA at 233-7333 for more information. **(PR)**



TanHoldings Corp. and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation representatives turn over a ceremonial check as a title sponsors of the “Green Gala,” an annual fundraiser hosted by the environment group Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

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United Airlines chief executive officer Oscar Munoz visits the Guam operation of United Airlines and to mark the airline’s 50th anniversary as Guam and Micronesia’s hometown airline. While in Guam, Munoz hosted an employee event where he engaged with the local team, made up of almost 1,000 employees.

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### TO MARK 50TH YEAR OF ISLAND HOPPER

## United CEO visits Guam, Micronesia

**TAMUNING, GUAM**—United Airlines chief executive officer Oscar Munoz visited Guam for the first time from Aug. 18

to 20 to meet the employees of the Guam hub and join them in celebrating the airline’s 50th anniversary as Guam and Micro-

nesia’s hometown airline.

While in Guam, Munoz hosted an employee event where he engaged with the lo-

cal team, made up of almost 1,000 employees.

Munoz also toured the Guam operation at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam and the United hangar.

During the tour, Munoz acknowledged employees who

were celebrating milestone anniversaries, many of whom have been with the company for more than 30 years.

On Aug. 20, Munoz boarded the Island Hopper flight to personally meet the United teams in Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae,

Kwajalein and Majuro before his final stop in Honolulu.

United Airlines and United Express operate approximately 4,600 flights a day to 357 airports across five continents. For more information, visit [united.com](http://united.com). **(United)**

## \$200K grant to control Guam fire ants

**HAGÁTÑA, Guam**—The Guam Department of Agriculture has been awarded a \$200,264 federal grant to fund little fire ant eradication in Santa Rita, nearby a 502-acre coral conservation area.

Nearly 15 percent of the area (70 acres) is currently infested

with little fire ants, which have also been found elsewhere in Guam in recent years.

Little fire ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) are a highly invasive species that cause a painful sting and extremely itchy rash. They are a major nuisance for Guam residents

and visitors alike, and also suppress the island’s native species and vegetation, leading to erosion that damages coral reefs downstream.

Each year, Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) works in Congress to secure federal funding for invasive

species control and other projects important to Guam from the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs.

The Office of Insular Affairs supports the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the three

Freely Associated States in the western Pacific.

“Little fire ants pose unique challenges to many Guam residents and our environment. This new federal grant money is much needed to eradicate this highly invasive species and prevent erosion from covering our coral reefs downstream,” said

Bordallo. “Now more than ever, GovGuam agencies need federal funding like this recent grant award, so I am working hard to increase federal support for our island. I thank Assistant Secretary Domenech for supporting the Guam Department of Agriculture’s invasive special control efforts.” **(PR)**

## CHCC issues typhoon prep guide

Because of the threat of Typhoon Cimaron, which just passed through the CNMI, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has issued these guidelines in preparation for future weather disturbances.

CHCC advises the following high-risk groups to consider the health advisories:

■ Pregnant women who are experiencing preterm labor or pregnant women in their 32 weeks gestational period.

Storms have been known to make pregnant women give birth earlier than their expected due date. CHCC encourages all women with a gestational age of 32 weeks

and above to report once Typhoon Condition 2 is announced. Those who are experiencing early labor are encouraged to go to the Commonwealth Health Center immediately.

If you plan to come to CHC, make sure to bring your identification information, a pillow, blanket, extra clothing, and other essential supplies including

food and hydration.

■ Individuals who are on medical equipment requiring electricity (e.g. oxygen generators).

Individuals who are on medical equipment requiring electricity should report to CHCC if they do not have a generator at home. Island-wide residential electricity should be expected to be turned off if storm condi-

tions worsen.

Do not report to the shelters if you have any of these conditions and report to CHCC.

■ Individuals on prescription medications and in need of medical supplies.

Individuals should make sure their prescription medications and medical supplies can last them for at least three days. This is especially

important for patients with diabetes, hypertension, or uncontrolled asthma.

Contact the CHCC nursing supervisor on duty at 234-8950 for more instructions.

Tune in to local radio stations, KSPN news, the channel 14 weather station, and/or the Emergency Management Office’s advisories for more information at 237-8000. **(CHCC)**



Business

Trump plan rolls back Obama's coal emissions standards

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is set to roll back the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's efforts to slow global warming, the Clean Power Plan that restricts greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants.

A plan to be announced in coming days would give states broad authority to determine how to restrict carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. The Environmental Protection Agency announced late Monday that acting administrator Andrew Wheeler planned to brief the news media by telephone Tuesday on greenhouse guidelines for states to set performance standards for existing coal-fired power plants.

President Donald Trump is expected to promote the new plan at an appearance in West Virginia on Tuesday.

The plan also would let states relax pollution rules for power plants that need upgrades, according to a summary of the plan and several people familiar with the full proposal who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the plan publicly.

Combined with a planned rollback of car-mileage stan-



President Donald Trump arrives for an event to salute U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

dards, the plan represents a significant retreat from Obama-era efforts to fight climate change and would reverse an Obama-era push to shift away from coal and toward less-polluting energy sources such as natural gas, wind and solar power. Trump has already vowed to pull the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement as he pushes to revive the coal industry.

Trump also has directed Energy Secretary Rick Perry to

take steps to bolster struggling coal-fired and nuclear power plants to keep them open, warning that impending retirements of "fuel-secure" power plants that rely on coal and nuclear power are harming the nation's power grid and reducing its resilience.

The White House had no immediate comment on the plan, and the EPA didn't respond to requests for comment Monday.

A three-page summary being circulated at the White

House focuses on boosting efficiency at coal-fired power plants and allowing states to reduce "wasteful compliance costs" while focusing on improved environmental outcomes. Critics say focusing on improved efficiency would allow utilities to run older, dirtier power plants more often, undercutting potential environmental benefits.

The White House rejects that criticism.

"Carbon dioxide emissions

from the power sector will continue to fall under this rule, but this will happen legally and with proper respect for the states, unlike" the Clean Power Plan, the summary says. The AP obtained a copy of the summary, which asserts that the Obama-era plan exceeds the EPA's authority under the

Clean Air Act.

Obama's plan was designed to cut U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The rule dictated specific emission targets for states based on power-plant emissions and gave officials broad latitude to decide how to achieve reductions.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Experts say Tesla board may have too many ties to CEO Musk

For years, Tesla's board remained almost invisible, staying behind the curtain as superstar Chairman and CEO Elon Musk guided the electric car maker to huge stock price increases. Now, given Musk's recent questionable behavior, experts say it's time for the board to step onstage and take action on the company's leadership. The list of Musk's offenses include berating Wall Street analysts on a conference call and labeling as a pedophile via Twitter a British diver involved in the cave rescue of trapped Thai soccer players. Add to that his abrupt Twitter announcement of a plan to take the company private even though funding hasn't been solidified, as well as confessing to being overwhelmed with job stress in a recent interview, and it's likely that most other company boards in a similar position would have taken action, corporate governance experts say. Yet Tesla's nine-member board, which includes Musk and his brother, Kimbal, has largely been silent, save for forming a three-member committee to decide on the go-private plan that has already drawn scrutiny from U.S. securities regulators. (AP)

less water for farms in the Central Valley. "If they vote to take our water, this does not end there," said Republican state Sen. Anthony Cannella. "We will be in court for 100 years." Environmentalists and fishermen offered a different take on the other side of the Capitol to a much smaller audience. "For the 50 years corporate agriculture has been getting fat," said Noah Oppenheim of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations. "Salmon fisheries have been tightening belts." The charged rhetoric came a day before the California State Water Resources Control Board was set to discuss its proposal to change water flows in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, which supplies water for the majority of California's people and massive swaths of farmland.

Animal crackers break out of their cages

After more than a century behind bars, the beasts on boxes of animal crackers are roaming free. Mondelez International says it has redesigned the packaging of its Barnum's Animals crackers after relenting to pressure from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Nabisco — which is owned by Mondelez — has been making the popular animal-shaped cookies since 1902. The red-and-yellow packaging has always shown animals in cages, as if they're traveling in boxcars for the circus. PETA wrote to Mondelez in 2016, saying the box was outdated and should be changed. Mondelez agreed to a redesign. The new boxes feature a zebra, elephant, lion, giraffe and gorilla wandering side-by-side in a grassland. (AP)

Farmers protest California water plan aimed to save salmon

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Hundreds of California farmers rallied at the Capitol on Monday to protest state water officials' proposal to increase water flows in a major California river, a move state and federal politicians called an overreach of power that would mean

Frustration rules as Venezuela unveils new currency

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Saul Jimenez just wanted to buy bread from his neighborhood bakery in Venezuela's capital on Monday. It did not go well.

Banks and most other businesses were closed for the day as Venezuela launched a series of dramatic economic reforms, beginning with the release of a currency with five fewer zeros in a bid to tame soaring inflation.

Rampant inflation means it would take a fistful of bills to pay for a loaf of bread, so many Venezuelans like Jimenez rely on bank cards.

But with banks closed to reset their systems for the change, Jimenez's cards wouldn't work — in a scene that played out across Caracas.

"It wasn't just mine. Others' didn't work either," said the

attorney, who left the bakery empty-handed and frustrated. "Neither the debit card nor the credit card."

The currency conversion is among the less controversial parts of President Nicolas Maduro's economic plan. He'll next hike the minimum wage by more than 3,000 percent and raise gasoline prices — now less than a penny to fill up — to international levels.

Critics say the package of measures will only make the economic crisis worse.

Opposition leaders are seizing on tension among residents, calling for a nationwide strike and protest on Tuesday. They hope to draw masses into the streets against Maduro's socialist ruling party — something they've failed to do in over a year.

The closed banks spent Monday preparing to release the new currency: the "sovereign bolivar." Maduro's government says it will raise gasoline prices in late September to curtail rampant smuggling across borders. The dramatically higher minimum wage will go into effect starting Sept. 1.

Economists say the package of measures is likely to accelerate hyperinflation rather than address its core economic troubles, like oil production plunging to levels last seen in 1947.

As Maduro declared Monday a national holiday, Caracas was quiet with most storefronts closed for business.

Other banking activities shut down for about twelve hours to allow for a transition to the new currency. Most

banks on Monday reactivated their online services and ATMs, but some customers complained of troubles.

The impact of the currency conversion won't be known until Tuesday. One question is whether the banks hold enough cash to meet the public's need, as officials have promised.

Venezuela was once among Latin America's most prosperous nations, holding the world's largest proven oil reserves, but a recent fall in oil prices accompanied by corruption and mismanagement under two decades of socialist rule have left the economy in a historic economic and political crisis.

Inflation this year could top 1 million percent, according to economists at the International Monetary Fund.

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# Nation

## Man admits wife's murder, blames her for daughters' deaths

**DENVER (AP)**—The father of two young girls found submerged in oil tanks after being missing for days told authorities his pregnant wife killed the children after learning he wanted a separation, and that he erupted in rage after witnessing the killings and strangled their mother inside the family's suburban Denver home, according to court documents.

Days after letting police inside his home so they could help find his missing family, Christopher Watts told investigators "he would tell the truth."

Watts first asked to speak with his father then admitted to killing his wife, Shannan. Watts told police in court papers released Monday that he killed her after witnessing her strangling one of the girls on a baby monitor. The other child had already been killed by the woman, he said.

Watts, 33, faces three first-degree murder charges, two counts of murdering a child under 12, one count of unlawful termination of a pregnancy and three counts of tampering with a deceased human body. He is scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday and is being



**AP**  
Christopher Watts is escorted into the courtroom before his bond hearing at the Weld County Courthouse on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, in Greeley, Colo.

held without bail.

District Attorney Michael Rourke declined to answer questions about the case Monday but said his office has

three prosecutors working on it. Rourke also said it was too early to discuss whether he will seek the death penalty.

Police first visited the family's house on Aug. 13, after a friend asked officers to check on Shanann Watts. She had missed a doctor's appointment and wasn't answering calls or text messages hours after returning home after a business trip, the friend reported.

With Christopher Watts' approval, police searched the house and found his wife's

cellphone stuffed inside a couch. Her purse was on a kitchen island and a suitcase was at the bottom of the stairs.

A detective spoke to Christopher Watts and learned about his separation plans. Watts first described the conversation with Shannan as civil but later told police that "they were both upset and crying" and she planned to go to a friend's house that day, the court papers said.

When Shanann Watts and the girls did not return home

by Tuesday morning, investigators ramped up their efforts with the help of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Christopher Watts was interviewed by several local television stations, asking for the return of his family and discussing how much he missed spending time with his children.

It wasn't until Wednesday night that he made his promise to tell police the truth.

According to Watts' ac-

count, the early hours of Aug. 13 began with an intense conversation. He said he told his wife that he wanted a separation. Separately in the papers released Monday, investigators said they learned that Watts was "actively involved in an affair with a co-worker," something he denied in earlier conversations with police.

Watts told police that after discussing the separation he walked downstairs.

When he returned, he told them he spotted a baby monitor on his wife's nightstand — displaying her "actively strangling" their 3-year-old daughter, Celeste. He said the video feed also showed their other daughter, 4-year-old Bella, "sprawled out on her bed and blue."

"Chris said he went into a rage and ultimately strangled Shanann to death," the document said.

Police found surveillance video from a neighbor showing Watts' truck backing into the driveway at 5:27 a.m. and shortly after driving away from the house in Frederick, a small town on the grassy plains north of Denver where fast-growing subdivisions like the one the Watts family lived in intermingle with drilling rigs and oil wells.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Army reinstates at least 36 discharged immigrants

At least three dozen immigrant recruits who were booted from the U.S. Army after enlisting with a promised pathway to citizenship are being brought back to serve, according to court records filed Monday. Since Aug. 17, the U.S. Army has reinstated 32 reservists, and revoked discharge orders of another six enlistees who had sued. Another 149 discharges have been suspended and are under review, said Army Assistant Deputy for Recruiting and Retention Linden St. Clair, in the filing. The reinstatements follow an Associated Press story in early July that revealed dozens of immigrant enlistees were being discharged or had their contracts cancelled. Some said they were given no reason for their discharge. Others said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them. **(AP)**

**Michigan official faces manslaughter trial over Flint deaths**  
**FLINT, Mich.** (AP)—A judge on Monday ordered

Michigan's health director to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter in two deaths linked to Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area, the highest-ranking official to face criminal charges as a result of the city's tainted water scandal. Nick Lyon is accused of failing to issue a timely alert about the outbreak. District Court Judge David Goggins said deaths likely could have been prevented if the outbreak had been publicly known. He said keeping the public in the dark was "corrupt." Goggins found probable cause for a trial in Genesee County court, a legal standard that isn't as high as beyond a reasonable doubt. Lyon also faces a charge of misconduct in office. When the judge announced his decision, a woman in the gallery said, "Yes, yes, yes." "It's a long way from over," Lyon told The Associated Press. He declined further comment. Some experts have blamed Legionnaires' on Flint's water, which wasn't properly treated when it was drawn from the Flint River in 2014 and 2015. Legionella bacteria can emerge through misting and cooling systems, triggering a severe form of pneumonia, especially in people with weakened immune systems.

## States aim to stop internet release of 3D-printed gun plan

**SEATTLE (AP)**—A federal judge in Seattle is scheduled to hear arguments Tuesday on whether to block a settlement the U.S. State Department reached with a company that would allow it to post blueprints for printing 3D weapons on the internet.

The federal agency had tried to stop a Texas company from releasing the plans online, arguing it violated export regulations. But the agency reversed itself in April and entered an agreement with the company that would allow it to post the plans. The company is owned by a self-described "crypto-anarchist" who opposes restrictions on gun ownership.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia sued and last month secured a restraining order to stop that process, and now they want to make that permanent by having the judge convert the restraining order into an injunction. They fear the plans, if disseminated online, could be used by people who are not legally per-

mitted to buy or possess guns. Critics add that because the weapons aren't made of metal, they would be undetectable.

Cody Wilson, owner of Austin, Texas-based Defense Distributed, has said "governments should live in fear of their citizenry." Wilson's lawyers have said the safety risk from the 3D weapons claimed by the states is largely exaggerated because many of the files are already online.

The U.S. Justice Department argues that federal laws already prohibit the manufacture and possession of undetectable plastic guns, and they say the issues raised in this case are different. The State Department oversees regulations involving the export of certain weapons, not domestic laws, therefore the injunction is not necessary, the Justice Department said.

"The (State) Department is tasked with determining what technology and weaponry provides a critical military or

intelligence advantage such that it should not be shipped without restriction from the United States to other countries (or otherwise provided to foreigners), where, beyond the reach of U.S. law, it could be used to threaten U.S. national security, foreign policy, or international peace and stability," the Justice Department said in its brief.

By seeking an injunction, the lawyers said, the states misunderstand the limits on the State Department's authority. "Domestic activities that do not involve providing access to foreign persons, by contrast, are left to other federal agencies and the states to regulate," the justice department argues.

The states call this argument "semantic gymnastics" and say the government's actions could cause "drastic, irreparable harm."

"By authorizing the unrestricted spread on the internet of downloadable guns, so that any state resident or

visitor could manufacture and possess weapons without the states' knowledge or detection, the government undercuts the states' abilities to enforce their statutory codes," the lawyers argue. "The government's deregulation violates the states' border integrity by impeding their ability to prevent weapons from entering through airports."

After the Justice Department filed its brief opposing the injunction, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a statement saying plastic weapons are already illegal and are a risk to public safety. "The Department of Justice will use every available tool to vigorously enforce this prohibition," Sessions said.

The states suing are: Washington, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.



# Asia

## El Salvador, Taiwan break ties as China isolates island foe

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)**—Taiwan broke off diplomatic ties with El Salvador on Tuesday as the Central American country defected to rival Beijing in the latest blow to the self-ruled island China has been trying to isolate on the global stage.

The break in ties means Taiwan is recognized as a sovereign nation by only 17 mainly small, developing countries. In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi announced that his government had established ties with El Salvador.

"History will prove that establishing diplomatic relations with China is in full accordance with the fundamental and long-term interests of the country and the people of El Salvador," Wang said.

Taiwan split from mainland China amid civil war in 1949, and Beijing, which considers Taiwan its territory, campaigns relentlessly to isolate the island globally. It cut off relations with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen's government shortly after she took office in 2016 and has been steadily ratcheting up both diplomatic and economic pressure.

Earlier this year, the West African nation of Burkina Faso and the Dominican Republic broke ties with Taiwan and resumed or established diplomatic relations with China.

Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu on Tuesday condemned what he called China's campaign of luring away Taiwan's allies with promises of vast financial aid and investment.

Taiwan is willing to consider cooperating with its allies in education, farming or even infrastructure initiatives, Wu said, but refuses to compete with China in buying diplomatic support.

Wu said that El Salvador



China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, left, and El Salvador's Foreign Minister Carlos Castaneda celebrate a toast at a signing ceremony to mark the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

had repeatedly sought large amounts of funding from Taiwan for a port project that a Taiwanese team of engineers dispatched by the government thought wasn't economically feasible.

"We think this is an inappropriate development plan that risks causing both countries to fall into great debt," Wu said, noting that some developing countries were increasingly concerned about the risks of unsustainable debt linked to Chinese investments.

Wu said El Salvador's ruling party was also expecting Taiwan to provide funds to help it win in elections, but Taiwan refused.

"It is irresponsible to engage in financial aid diplomacy or compete with China in cash, or even in providing illegal political money," Wu said. "My government is unwilling

to and cannot do so."

Some analysts say Chinese President Xi Jinping, one of the most powerful Chinese leaders in decades, seems determined to bring Taiwan under Beijing's control during his time in office, which would place him in the history books alongside Mao Zedong.

The island's 23 million residents are strongly in favor of maintaining their de facto independent status, but Xi has previously warned a Taiwanese envoy that the issue of unification cannot be put off indefinitely.

Salvadoran President Salvador Sanchez Ceren said on national television that China and El Salvador would discuss ways to cooperate in trade, investment and infrastructure development.

"It will give great benefits to the country and provide ex-

traordinary opportunities on a personal level to each one of you," he said.

The move comes just a day after China's foreign ministry said it had complained to the U.S. over Taiwanese President Tsai's visits this month to Los Angeles and Houston while in transit to diplomatic allies Paraguay and Belize.

The administration of President Donald Trump has been boosting relations with Taiwan amid a brewing trade war with Beijing.

Tsai urged the island's people to unite despite the pressure the government was facing diplomatically.

"Taiwan will not yield because of pressure," Tsai said in a televised address. "We will be stronger and more united, and this will strengthen Taiwan's determination to go out."

## Indonesia: Lombok quakes don't meet national disaster status

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Indonesia's disaster agency says earthquakes that killed more than 500 people on the island of Lombok in the past month and caused half a billion dollars in damage don't rise to the level of a national emergency.

The agency's response to criticism, released Monday evening, strikes a nationalistic tone, noting that declaring a national disaster opens the "door as wide as possible" to international assistance that can cause new problems.

But it also said Indonesia has substantial experience in handling natural calamities and hasn't declared a national

disaster since the December 2004 tsunami that killed more than 100,000 people in Aceh province on Sumatra.

It said the tsunami was declared a national disaster because all levels of government in the province were devastated and overwhelmed, requiring a central command.

Media articles and people on social media have criticized the relief response to the earthquakes. An Australian journalist's tweet expressing astonishment that a national disaster hadn't been declared was retweeted nearly 5,000 times.

Some of the domestic criti-

cism is politically motivated as candidates for the presidential election in April, including the incumbent Joko "Jokowi" Widodo, are beginning their campaigns.

Lombok, a less developed island next to the tourist hotspot of Bali, has been hit by a series of powerful quakes since late July. The latest two on Sunday, a magnitude 6.3 quake in the morning and a 6.9 temblor in the evening, included a swarm of aftershocks above magnitude 5.0 and killed at least a dozen people.

The disaster agency said the quakes have claimed 506 lives, damaged more than

74,000 homes and displaced 431,000 people — about 13 percent of Lombok's population. Damage and losses are currently estimated at 7.7 trillion rupiah (\$528 million).

Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the central government funds the relief effort regardless of whether a national disaster is declared or not.

He said a 4 trillion rupiah (\$274 million) disaster relief fund managed by the finance ministry and the disaster agency can be topped up by parliament. Reconstruction would be separately funded by the national government, he said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Taliban rockets hit near Kabul presidency; no injuries

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Afghan police say the Taliban have fired rockets toward the presidential palace in Kabul as President Ashraf Ghani was giving his holiday message for the Muslim celebrations of Eid al-Adha. No injuries were reported. Police official Jan Agha says the boom of the rockets was heard during Ghani's speech, televised live on Tuesday. Ghani heard the thud and interrupted his message to say: "If they are thinking the rocket attack will keep Afghans down, they are wrong." Police say the first rocket landed somewhere near the presidency, the second near a NATO compound and the U.S. Embassy in Kabul but no one was hurt. Afghan forces have surrounded a house from where they believe the rockets were fired and an aircraft bombed the location, destroying the home.

#### 42 weeks pregnant, New Zealand minister cycles to hospital

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—It was a beautiful morning, according to New Zealand's minister for women, so after 42 weeks of pregnancy she decided to hop on her electric bicycle and ride to the hospital to give birth to her first child. Julie Anne Genter on Sunday posted a picture of herself outside an Auckland hospital holding her bike, saying she was ready to be induced and "finally have this baby." "This is it, wish

us luck!" she wrote, adding that "My partner and I cycled because there wasn't enough room in the car for the support crew ... but it also put me in the best possible mood!" She said the ride with partner Peter Nunns was "mostly downhill" and joked that she "probably should have cycled more in the last few weeks," in order to start her labor earlier. Her Instagram photo was noticed by actress Kristen Bell, who wrote on Twitter "what a babe." Genter's office on Tuesday said there was not yet any update on the minister, who remained at Auckland City Hospital.

#### Transgender Pakistanis demand protection after killing PESHAWAR, Pakistan

**(AP)**—Dozens of transgender people in Pakistan have held a protest demanding more protection after a transgender woman was shot dead and dismembered last week. The protesters gathered outside the Peshawar Press Club in the northwestern city on Monday, chanting "We want protection, we want respect and rights." Farzana Jan, president of Transgender Association, said the transgender woman, who went by the name Nazo, was killed in the suburbs of Peshawar on Friday. Police say they arrested two men who were taking the body parts to dispose of them. Jan's group says 62 transgender people have been killed since 2015 in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province alone, and that 478 attacks have been reported this year.



# World

## Shootouts leave 13 dead, including 2 soldiers, in Rio

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)**—At least 11 suspects and two soldiers died during shootouts with military personnel and police in greater Rio de Janeiro on Monday as violence erupted in several areas of the city that hosted the Summer Olympics two years ago.

The direct confrontations between soldiers and armed traffickers also marked a deepening of the military's role in Rio's security. Since the military was put in charge of the state's security earlier this year, soldiers have mostly played supporting roles to police during operations, such as securing perimeters or setting up checkpoints. On Monday, soldiers were clearly in the lead.

"Our goal is only to make arrests. If there are deaths, the criminals are to blame," Carlos Cinelli, a military spokesman, told reporters while adding that military personnel came under fire during operations that began at 4:30 a.m. "The soldiers have a right to defend themselves."

Cinelli told reporters that five suspects were killed and

another 10 were arrested when soldiers stormed the neighborhoods of Mare, Complexo do Alemão and Penha. In a press statement in the evening, the military command said two soldiers had died.

Cinelli said the operations, which included more than 4,000 military personnel, were aimed at finding wanted traffickers in the areas. The operation netted four pistols, two grenades and 440 pounds (200 kilograms) of marijuana paste, he said.

Brazilian news site G1 reported that many residents in the areas stayed at home, skipping work and school. An Associated Press video journalist saw a public bus that had been torched close to Complexo do Alemão, possibly a response to the anti-drug operation.

Meanwhile Monday, police said they killed six suspects during confrontations in Niterói, across the bay from Rio de Janeiro. Police said the shootouts happened while pursuing suspects on one of the access points to the bridge that joins the two cities. The bridge, one of the area's most traversed

roads, was temporarily shut. Three suspects and one police officer were injured, according to a police statement.

By decree, in February President Michel Temer put the military in charge of security in the state of Rio.

He made the decision after muggings and beatings were captured on camera during Rio's world-famous Carnival celebrations.

Human rights groups have criticized the intervention, saying it's disproportionately

impacting people, particularly blacks, in poor neighborhoods.

Cecilia Olliveira, creator of an app that tracks shootings in Brazil, sees military operations limiting favela residents' already scarce access to public services.

"You will often hear favela residents say: We ask for education, they send police. We ask for health services, they send police," Olliveira said. "They don't need more police. They need government services."



A woman and a boy walk past a bus allegedly set on fire by drug traffickers in the Bonsucesso neighborhood, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018. AP

## Flash flood hits hikers in gorge in southern Italy; 8 dead

**MILAN (AP)**—Heavy rain flooded a gorge filled with hikers Monday in the southern region of Calabria, killing at least eight, Italy's civil protection agency said. At least another five were missing.

The prefect's office said 23 people were rescued from the flash flood in the Raganello Gorge. They included a 10-year-old boy treated for hypothermia who was among seven that the civil protection agency said were hospitalized.

It was unclear how many people were missing but there were at least 36 hikers in two organized groups inside the 12-kilometer- (7 1/2-mile-) long gorge, a popular aquatic trekking spot. TV images show rescuers scaling down the side of a steep rock face to bring hikers to safety.

Guides are not required, making it impossible to know how many people were on their own inside the canyon.

"The problem is we don't know how many people were knocked over by this flood," Carlo Tansi, the head of civil protection in Calabria, told Sky TG24. "This

is a split in the terrain that is very tight and high."

At its most narrow point, it is just meters (yards) wide and with walls varying from 400 meters (1,300 feet) to 700 meters (2,300 feet) in height.

Luca Franzese, of the alpine rescue squad in Calabria, said the height of the flood waters was some 2 1/2 meters (eight feet) deep.

"The wave of flooding of the Raganello stream happens often in the winter, but it has never happened in the summer, when the stream is very popular among tourists," Franzese told the news agency ANSA.

The gorge on the eastern side of the Pollino National Park boasts aquatic trekking along the stream that cuts through the massive rock, where hikers pass by water falls, water tubs and natural slipways, according to a website. The gorge is broken down into three sections, the upper, mid and lower canyons, with hikes averaging between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 hours and varying in difficulty.

Guides include spelunkers and rescue instructors, who supply helmets, wet suits and other equipment.

## 2 detained after shots are fired at US Embassy in Turkey

**ISTANBUL (AP)**—Shots were fired from a moving car at the U.S. Embassy in Turkey before dawn Monday, an attack that came during heightened tensions between the two NATO allies. Officials said two people with criminal records were detained.

There were no casualties in the fleeting attack, in which three of the six bullets fired hit the embassy gate and a reinforced window in the building in Ankara.

The Ankara governor's office named the suspects as Ahmet Celikten, 39, and Osman Gundas, 38, saying they had confessed. Authorities seized a 9-millimeter gun and a vehicle with Ankara license plates.

Celikten had escaped prison and Gundas had several crimes under his belt, including car theft, drugs and threats, the governor's office said.

The U.S. Embassy thanked Turkish authorities, tweeting that it appreciated their "fast and professional action" in arresting the two suspects.

Turkish officials are locked in a trade and diplomatic dispute with the United States but they fully condemned the shooting. Presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin tweeted that it was "an attempt to create chaos."

A top official in Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party said the attack was a "clear provocation" and that foreign diplomats are guests of the country.

"The utmost sensitivity will be shown to ensure their security," said the party spokesman, Omer Celik.

The governor's office said authorities are investigating the suspects' links.

The U.S. Embassy was planning to close at midday Monday anyway until the end of the week for the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Tensions between the U.S. and Turkey are high, partly because of the case of Andrew Brunson, an American pastor who is being prosecuted in Turkey for alleged espionage and terrorism-related offenses.

He denies any wrongdoing and U.S. President Donald Trump has called for his immediate release.

Turkey has long criticized the United States for not agreeing to hand over Fethullah Gulen, a Muslim cleric accused by Turkish authorities of engineering an attempted coup in 2016. Gulen denies those allegations. Washington has told Turkey it must present convincing evidence for any extradition proceeding to go forward.

The Turkish lira has lost 39 percent of its value against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of the year and was hurt further by recent U.S. tariffs on Turkish steel and aluminum. Turkey's economy is already vulnerable because of heavy foreign currency borrowing that fueled high growth for years.

Also Monday, Turkey filed a complaint about the U.S. tariffs at the World Trade Organization, the WTO said. The two sides can now try to resolve the dispute without litigation — if talks fail after 60 days,

a WTO panel can be asked to judge the matter, it said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose government imposed its own tit-for-tat tariffs on some American goods, alluded to the dispute with the U.S. in a pre-recorded holiday message.

"There is no difference between the direct attacks on our call to prayer and our flag and the attack on our economy," said Erdogan. "Those who think they can make Turkey give in with the foreign exchange rate will soon see they are wrong."

U.S. diplomatic offices have been targeted in the past in Turkey.

At least one suspect was wounded in a shooting outside the U.S. consulate in Istanbul in 2015. In 2013, a suicide bomber killed a Turkish guard and himself outside the embassy in Ankara. In 2008, three assailants and three Turkish police officers died in a shootout outside the Istanbul consulate.



## Focus

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Pope Francis delivers a blessing during the Angelus noon prayer in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018.

# Pope: No effort spared to fight abuse, but offers no details

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**V**ATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis vowed Monday that “no effort must be spared” to root out priestly sex abuse and cover-up from the Catholic Church, but gave no indication that he would take action to sanction complicit bishops or end the Vatican culture of secrecy that has allowed the crisis to fester.

In a letter to Catholics worldwide following damning new revelations of misconduct in the U.S., Francis sought to project a get-tough response to the perpetrators and a compassionate shoulder for victims ahead of a fraught trip to Ireland this weekend.

Francis begged forgiveness for the pain suffered by victims and said lay Catholics must be included in the effort to root out abuse and cover-up. He blasted the clerical culture that has been blamed for the crisis, with church leaders more concerned about their own reputations than the safety of children.

“We showed no care for the little ones,” Francis wrote. “We abandoned them.”

But Francis alone can sanction bishops and he offered no hint that he would change the Vatican’s longstanding practice of giving religious superiors a pass when they botch abuse cases or are negligent in protecting their flocks.

He said he was aware of the “effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world” to ensure children are

protected and hold accountable those who commit abuse and cover it up.

But he made no reference to what the Vatican plans to do, saying only: “We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.”

The letter was viewed by abuse survivors as little more than recycled rhetoric that fails to acknowledge the Vatican’s own role in turning a blind eye to predatory priests and fomenting a culture of secrecy that has allowed crimes to go unpunished for decades.

“That culture was overseen by #Vatican & codified into its laws,” tweeted Colm O’Gorman, a prominent Irish abuse victim who is organizing a solidarity demonstration of survivors in Dublin during Francis’ visit. “He needs to name & own that.”

Marie Collins, another prominent Irish survivor who resigned in frustration from the pope’s sex-abuse advisory commission, said statements about how terrible abuse is and how bishops must be held accountable are meaningless.

“Tell us instead what you are doing to hold them accountable,” she tweeted. “That is what we want to hear. ‘Working on it’ is not an acceptable explanation for decades of ‘delay.’”

Priestly sex abuse was always expected to dominate the pope’s trip to Ireland, a once staunchly Roman Catholic country where the church’s credibility has been devastated by years of revelations that

priests raped and molested children with impunity and their superiors covered it up.

But the issue has taken on new gravity following revelations in the U.S. that one of Francis’ trusted cardinals, the retired archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick, allegedly sexually abused and harassed minors as well as adult seminarians.

In addition, a grand jury report in Pennsylvania last week revealed that at least 1,000 children were abused by some 300 priests over the past 70 years, and that generations of bishops failed to take measures to protect their flock or punish the rapists.

“Priests were raping little boys and girls, and the men of God who were responsible for them not only did nothing; they hid it all,” the grand jury report said.

The letter from Latin America’s first pope also comes on the heels of a spiraling sex-abuse scandal in Chile, where law enforcement has staged multiple raids on church archives to try to determine what was known and kept hidden about pedophile priests.

The three-page letter, issued in seven languages, referred to the Pennsylvania report but stressed that its message was to a much broader global audience. In it, Francis acknowledged that no effort to beg forgiveness of the victims would be sufficient but vowed “never again.”

Looking to the future, he said: “No effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.”

He demanded an end to “clericalism” — the culture that places priests on a pedestal. He said lay Catholics must help end that culture, since rank-and-file Catholics are often the ones who most fervently hold up their priests as beyond reproach.

That emphasis — on both the role of the laity and clericalism — is new for a pope in addressing the abuse scandal and seems a direct response to the Pennsylvania findings, said Kathleen Sprows Cummings, associate professor of American studies and history at the University of Notre Dame.

“That’s what people are feeling. That’s the rage,” she said, adding that she had acquaintances who were withholding donations to their parishes, refusing to address priests as “Father” and demanding at Sunday Mass that their pastors address the crisis.

“I think this is a crisis and I don’t think many church leaders appreciate that,” she said.

Francis appears to hear that call, but it’s unclear if it will be enough.

Several years ago, he scrapped a proposed Vatican tribunal to prosecute negligent bishops, relying instead on current Vatican procedures. While he has taken some bishops to task, he has refused to act on credible reports of bishops failing to report abusers to police or otherwise botching the handling of cases.

Francis also has kept on his nine-member cabinet a Chilean cardinal long accused of covering up for pedophiles, an Australian cardinal currently on trial on sex-abuse charges and a Honduran cardinal implicat-

ed in a gay priest sex scandal involving his trusted deputy.

As a result, advocates for victims found his letter wanting.

“Mere words at this point deepen the insult and the pain,” said Anne Barrett Doyle of the research group Bishop Accountability, which released a database Monday of credibly accused or convicted Irish clergy.

What Francis should do to protect children, she said, is to order the Vatican to release the names of all priests who have been convicted under canon law of abusing minors.

Unlike the U.S. bishops’ conference, which has referred only to “sins and omissions” in their response to the Pennsylvania report, Francis labeled the misconduct “crimes.”

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said it was “significant” that Francis used that term and called for accountability, “which in many cases means bishops.”

“This is a wake-up call for everyone,” Burke told The Associated Press.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro praised the pope’s letter and urged local church officials to “cease their denials and deflections” and accept the grand jury recommendations, which include allowing victims to sue the church for abuse that otherwise would fall outside the statute of limitations.

The Catholic Church has long resisted such litigation windows, fearing for its bottom line. In the U.S., the sex-abuse scandal and related litigation has cost the church some \$3 billion and led to the sell-off of church properties and bankruptcy protection for

several dioceses.

It was the second Vatican response in recent days to the Pennsylvania grand jury report, which has sparked a crisis of confidence in the U.S. Catholic leadership and led to calls for mass ouster of American bishops.

Last week, Burke issued a statement calling the abuse “criminal and morally reprehensible” and said there must be accountability for those who raped children “and those who permitted abuse to occur.”

Subsequently, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Francis to authorize a Vatican investigation into McCarrick, whose penchant for inviting seminarians to his New Jersey beach house and into his bed was apparently an open secret.

The Vatican hasn’t said if Francis would approve such an investigation. The question is delicate, given that there is evidence that Vatican officials knew as early as 2000 of McCarrick’s activities, yet still appointed him Washington archbishop and a cardinal.

On Monday, the archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Sean O’Malley, said he didn’t see a letter sent to his office in 2015 concerning McCarrick’s activities.

O’Malley said a pastor sent him the letter because he was president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. He said his priest secretary told the pastor a recommendation to review cases fell outside the commission’s mandate.

O’Malley apologized to the pastor and to anyone whose concerns were reflected in the letter.



# Good Housekeeping

The flower—all beauty, promise and wile—makes for an unlikely meal. To pluck, stuff and fry it seems savage. Though, in truth, no more brutal than the rest of dinner prep.

The nasturtium spikes the salad with brilliant color and radish-hot bite. The rose petal, starched with sugar, gives pastry a sweet snap. Lavender warms shortbread sunny.

The squash blossom, soft and capacious, grows like a dumpling-on-the-vine — ready to fill and fold. Plumped with ricotta, batter-dipped and crisped, it makes for a crunchy, creamy bite. One best downed with neither sauce nor sentimentality. The abundant, prickly vine is busy unfurling more flowers.

## STUFFED SQUASH BLOSSOMS

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 3 minutes per batch

Makes: 4 servings

12 squash blossoms or 4 small (1 pound total) yellow squash or zucchini

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup flour

4 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup beer or sparkling water

1/2 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese

3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

Finely grated zest of 1 lemon

Canola oil, for frying

Flaky salt, such as Maldon



Fresh squash blossoms fill with ricotta cheese prepared and styled by Joan Moravek in the test kitchen on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

## Fried squash blossom recipe turns something pretty into something even more beautiful

By **LEAH ESKIN**

Chicago Tribune

**1 Provision:** If you have squash growing in the garden, snip off 12 male blossoms (growing on a straight stem), as opposed to female (which sport a swollen mini-squash at the base). Peek inside — if there's some six-legged fellow busy pollinating, shake him

out. Or find blossoms at the grocery store or at the farmers market. Lacking blossoms, use 4 small summer squash sliced into 1/4-inch-thick circles and sprinkled with a little kosher salt.

**2 Mix:** Whisk together flour, 2 tablespoons Par-

mesan cheese, 1/4 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Whisk in enough beer (or sparkling water) to form a thin batter. Set aside.

**3 Stuff:** Stir together ricotta, remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, the mint, zest, 1/4 teaspoon salt and a

few grinds of pepper. Open each blossom. Spoon in about 2 teaspoons ricotta mixture and twist the blossom closed.

**4 Fry:** Choose a deep, heavy pot for frying blossoms. Pour in oil to a depth of 2 inches. Heat oil to 365 degrees. Dip one filled blossom in the batter and lower it into the oil. Repeat with a few more blossoms, without crowding. Fry until golden

brown, about 1-2 minutes per side. Lift out with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with flaky salt. Repeat, frying all blossoms. For squash circles, pat dry and fry as above, about 2 minutes per side.

**5 Serve:** Munch fried blossoms hot or warm. For circles, top each with a dollop of the ricotta mixture before serving.



Fresh squash blossoms before being fill with ricotta cheese, prepared and styled by Joan Moravek in the test kitchen on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

## 5 tips to help you find a starter home

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First-time homebuyers might well wonder: Where are all the starter houses?

They're right to ask because starter homes are becoming increasingly scarce in many housing markets. Housing inventory is low and home prices are soaring.

What's a first-time buyer to do?

Here are five tips for finding a starter home:

### 1 Be realistic about today's market

Sellers clearly have an advantage in the current market. Inventory is low, which keeps pushing home prices to record levels, according to the National Association of Realtors. Buyer competition is fierce as homes in the lower-end price ranges fly off the market.

Unfortunately, that leaves many first-time buyers — especially those with tight budgets — on the sidelines. If you're

searching for your first home, be realistic about what you can afford and what amenities come with that budget. (Hint: You may have to forgo top-of-the-line appliances and shiny quartz countertops.)

A starter home isn't necessarily your forever home. Be prepared to make some compromises to get your foot in the homeownership door.

### 2 Adjust your wish list

Buyers shopping for their first home need to be open-minded about the location, size and condition of the home they want to buy, says Tim Deihl, associate broker with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty in Boston.

For many buyers, a classic starter home, which traditionally doesn't have many amenities, is more achievable.

"If your first home is the place you're going to have your family, maybe build an addition and stay there forever; that's one set of criteria. If your starter home will be a fi-

nancial launchpad into a larger, better home, that's a different approach," Deihl says.

Another strategy: Look for an older home in a well-established neighborhood. Resales typically cost less than brand-new homes, says Bradley Hunter, chief economist for HomeAdvisor.com, a home-improvement matching service based in Golden, Colorado.

Older homes typically need more maintenance and repairs, which offsets some of the cost savings. However, Hunter says, buyers who opt for a used home might be able to do repairs and renovations over time, pacing themselves to make the cost manageable.

### 3 Hire the right real estate agent

When you're up against stiff competition, working with an experienced real estate agent who knows the local market is key.

Look for an agent who specializes in the neighborhoods

you're interested in. Savvy agents should be able to answer your questions about neighborhood amenities, local schools, crime and nearby home values.

A good buyer's agent shines when it comes to negotiating the deal and writing a strong offer letter backed with solid data. Your agent can suggest certain strategies to win in a competitive market, such as limiting contingencies or writing a personal letter.

Ask friends and relatives to recommend agents they have personally used and were happy with. Also, interview two or three different agents. Find out how they prefer to communicate with clients and how often you'll get updates. Finally, research the agents you're considering online to see what past clients have said about their work.

Find out more about how to find the right real estate agent.

### 4 Rethink location

If you're thinking about starting a family in the future, don't focus too much on your

home's location, size and school district just yet, Deihl says. Resetting those parameters can make it easier to buy a first home.

"Buyers may be in a position where schools won't impact them for six or seven years," Deihl says. "That's a good opportunity to buy in the city, make some money and roll that into a community where they want to be longer term with the kids."

Buyers who sacrifice location for affordability can find themselves in a neighborhood far from major job centers with a long daily commute and expensive transportation costs.

Sometimes that trade-off makes sense, but not always, says Cathy Coneway, a broker for Stanberry & Associates Realtors in Austin, Texas.

"You have to look at how much you make and how much you can afford to spend for gas," Coneway says. "You might actually be better off buying a house that's closer to town so you have more cash flow for property taxes, insur-

ance and living expenses."

### 5 Make a strong offer

When a well-priced starter house comes on the market, the quest to buy it can be "super competitive," Deihl says.

One way to strengthen an offer is to present a loan pre-approval that includes everything but a title search, appraisal and hazard insurance, says Jay Dacey, a mortgage broker at Metropolitan Financial Mortgage Co. in Minneapolis.

A strategic phone call might help, too.

"We call the listing agent and say, 'Mr. and Mrs. Jones submitted an offer on your property. Not only are they preapproved, but they've gone through the underwriting approval process with our bank,'" Dacey says. "That makes the offer stronger."

Other ways to entice sellers: Offer above asking price (if you can afford to), keep repair requests to a minimum, make a larger down payment or give them more time to move after closing.



# Life & Style

## MTV VMAs was a shocking event, for the wrong reasons

**NEW YORK (AP)**—With most of music industry's top acts absent—from Beyonce to Bruno Mars—the MTV Video Music Awards lacked star power and felt flat, and some of the winners turned heads—for the wrong reasons.

Exhibit A: Camila Cabello beat out Drake, Mars, Cardi B, Ariana Grande and Post Malone for artist of the year.

"I can't believe this is for me," Cabello said Monday onstage.

Neither can we.

Cabello achieved the unthinkable later in the show when she took home the top prize—video of the year—for "Havana." Cabello's song was a No. 1 hit and of the video of the year nominees, "Havana" was the second-most viewed clip behind Drake's "God's Plan." But that's partly since "Havana" was released last year while the other videos came out this year.

It was the night's most shocking moment, and MTV seemed to send a message: You're punished for not showing up and rewarded for attending.

Grande won best pop and Post Malone took home song of the year. Drake, the most successful musician of the last year, didn't win a single award. Beyonce, Jay-Z, Rihanna and Kendrick Lamar were restricted to technical honors like editing, art direction, cinematography and visual effects. And Gambino



Joe Perry, from left, and Steven Tyler, of Aerosmith, perform with Post Malone at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in New York.

picked up best direction, choreography and video with a message for his heralded video "This Is America."

The show hit another low when Jennifer Lopez, Cardi B and DJ Khaled won best collaboration for "Dinero"—a song that has peaked at No. 80 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart—besting the record-setting hit "Meant to Be," by Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line, and Mars and Cardi B's anthemic "Finesse" remix.

Then there was the Aretha Franklin tribute, a moment Madonna made, well, all about Madonna.

The pop icon rambled and rambled about the early struggles in her career, finally informing the crowd that she sang Franklin's "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" at an audition that became a breakthrough for her.

"None of this would have happened without our lady of

soul," she said. "She led me where I am today. ...I want to thank you Aretha for empowering all of us. ... Love live the queen." It wasn't clear if Madonna meant Franklin, or herself.

At least MTV did played a clip of Franklin, who died last week, singing "I Say A Little Prayer."

The VMAs, at Radio City Music Hall in New York, also lacked oomph with its performances throughout the

night: Grande was a bore during "God Is a Woman," but added some excitement when she was joined by her mother, grandmother and cousin onstage at the end of the performance. Travis Scott, whose album is No. 1 for a second week, had strong energy while onstage, but the performance felt like it belonged more to singer James Blake, who is featured on Scott's album and performed just as long as Scott during the segment.

### WINNERS' LIST

Winners of the 2018 MTV Video Music Awards, presented Monday at Radio City Music Hall in New York:

**Video of the year:** Camila Cabello, "Havana"

**Artist of the year:** Camila Cabello

**Song of the year:** "Rockstar," Post Malone featuring 21 Savage

**Best new artist:** Cardi B

**Best collaboration:** "Dinero," Jennifer Lopez featuring DJ Khaled & Cardi B

**Best pop:** "No Tears Left to Cry," Ariana Grande

**Best hip hop:** "Chun-li," Nicki Minaj

**Best Latin:** "Mi Gente," J Balvin and Willy William

**Best dance:** "Lonely Together," Avicii featuring Rita Ora

**Best rock:** "Whatever It Takes," Imagine Dragons

**Video with a message:** "This is America," Childish Gambino

**Song of summer:** "I Like It," Cardi B featuring Bad Bunny and J Balvin

**Best art direction:** "Ape—," (The Carters) Jan Houlevigue

**Best choreography:** "This is America," (Childish Gambino), Sherrie Silver

**Best cinematography:** "Ape—," (The Carters), Benoit Debie

**Best direction:** "This is America," (Childish Gambino) Hiro Murai

**Best editing:** "Lemon," (N.E.R.D. and Rihanna), Taylor Ward

**Best visual effects:** "All the Stars" (Kendrick Lamar and SZA), Loris Paillier

**Push artist of the year:** Hayley Kiyoko

## Beating King of Pop, The Eagles have No.1 album of all-time

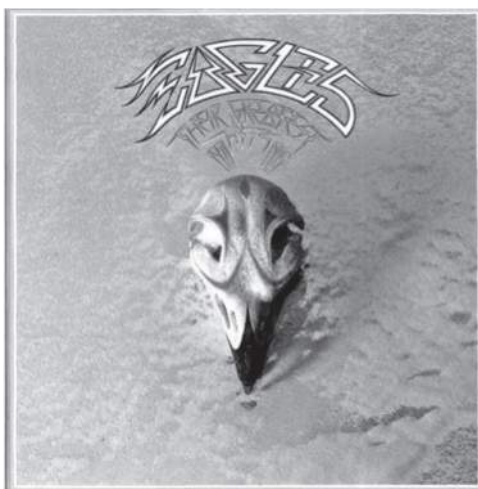
**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Eagles' greatest hits album has moonwalked past Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to become history's best-selling album of all-time in the U.S.

The Recording Industry Association of America told The Associated Press on Monday that the Eagles' album—"Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975"—is now certified 38x platinum, which means sales and streams of the album have reached 38 million copies.

The album was released in 1976 and pushes Jackson's "Thriller," which is 33x platinum, to second place.

RIAA also said that the Eagles' "Hotel California," released in 1977, is now 26x platinum and makes it the third best-selling album of all-time.

The last time RIAA tallied sales for the Eagles' greatest hits album was in 2006,



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This combination photo shows cover images from the Eagles albums "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975," left, and "Hotel California." The Recording Industry Association of America said Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, that the Eagles' album "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975," released in 1976, is now certified 38x platinum, which means sales and streams of the album have reached 38 million copies. RIAA also said that the Eagles' "Hotel California," released in 1977, is now 26x platinum and makes it the third best-selling album of all-time.

when it said it was 29x platinum. Sales and streams for "Thriller" were last updated last year.

"We are grateful for our families, our management,

our crew, the people at radio and, most of all, the loyal fans who have stuck with us through the ups and downs of 46 years. It's been quite a ride," Don Henley said in a

statement.

RIAA's platinum status was once equivalent to selling one million albums or songs, but in 2013 the company began incorporating streaming

from YouTube, Spotify and other digital music services to determine certification for albums and songs.

Now 1,500 streams of an album is equivalent to an album sale. Also, 10 song downloads = 1 album sale.

The Eagles, who formed in Los Angeles in the early 1970s, mastered the mix of rock 'n' roll and country music, and the band's hits—including "Hotel California" and "Take It Easy"—became part of the soundtrack of that decade. They broke up in 1980, coming back together 14 years later with Henley and Glenn Frey being the only remaining original members. Frey died in 2016, but the Grammy-winning band remains on tour.

The band was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1998 and received the Kennedy Center Honor in 2016.

There were a few highlights. Maluma, the Colombian singer who was nominated twice in the best Latin category, did have an exciting performance as he danced onstage with gyrating dancers. And Lopez started off slow—Kylie Jenner and Scott's unamused faces perfectly captured the vibe—but she hit a strong stride when she sang old smashes like "Jenny from the Block," "I'm Real"—where Ja Rule joined her onstage—and "All I Have," which showed the skilled dancer's vocal range.

But Lopez's speech was more stirring than her performance: She was emotional as she thanked her children and beau Alex Rodriguez onstage when she earned the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award for lifetime achievement.



# LA authorities looking into Asia Argento allegation

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Authorities said Monday that they are looking into sexual assault allegations by a young actor against Italian actress Asia Argento—one of the most prominent activists of the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Darren Harris said investigators from his department will seek to talk to Jimmy Bennett or his representatives about the alleged incident at a Southern California hotel in 2013, when Bennett was 17.

The move comes in response to a New York Times story saying Argento, 42, settled a legal notice of intent to sue filed by Bennett, who is now 22, for \$380,000 shortly after she said last October that movie mogul Harvey Weinstein raped her.

Argento and Bennett co-



AP  
In this May 17, 2009 file photo, Italian actress Asia Argento arrives on the red carpet for the screening of "Vengeance" during the 62nd International film festival in Cannes, France.

starred in a 2004 film called "The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things" in which Argento played Bennett's prostitute mother.

Bennett says in the notice

that he had sex with Argento in the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Marina del Rey, California, in 2013. The age of consent in California is 18.

The notice says the encounter traumatized Bennett and hurt his career, the Times reported.

Investigators have learned no police report was filed at

the time, Harris said.

The newspaper said it received court documents that included a selfie of Argento and Bennett in bed. Three people familiar with the case said the documents were authentic, the Times reported.

In a statement to The Associated Press on Monday, a lawyer for Bennett said the actor "does not wish to comment on the documents or the events" at this time.

The statement asked for privacy and noted that Bennett would take "the next 24 hours, or longer, to prepare his response."

Argento became one of the most well-known activists of the #MeToo movement after she told the New Yorker magazine that Weinstein raped her at the Cannes Film Festival in 1997 when she was 21. Argento told the magazine that she continued to have a relationship with Weinstein because she was afraid of angering him.

Weinstein has been indicted on sex crime accusations involving three women, but not including Argento.

Representatives for Argento did not respond to a request from The Associated Press for comment.

## MTV launches drive to get young people to vote

**NEW YORK (AP)**—MTV is launching its first-ever midterm election drive to encourage young people to register and vote, hoping fans make voting a communal effort with their friends.

The youth-centric network will first publicize the effort Monday at its annual Video Music Awards being held at Radio City Music Hall.

The effort hearkens back to MTV's "Choose or Lose" campaign when Bill Clinton was first elected in 1992. The interest in social activism this year among its audience convinced MTV to target the issue in a non-presidential election year, said Chris McCarthy, network president. Voter turnout in those years is typically depressed, particularly among young people.

MTV designed its campaign around the concept of shared experiences after not-

ing the importance young people place in them, he said. For example, it is working with the Ford Foundation on a mobile unit where people can register, then check whether their friends are registered and encourage them to do so if they aren't.

The network is also looking to host some 1,000 parties of different sizes across the country on election day, including larger ones with the participation of yet-to-be-named musicians.

"Voting is important," McCarthy said. "It matters. But voting with a friend matters even more."

MTV isn't the cultural force that it once was. But McCarthy has engineered a turnaround in the network's fortunes this past year, betting on reality shows and familiar brands. The network's audience has also aged somewhat, enough so that 86 percent of

its typical viewer at any time is 18 or over, or voting age.

MTV is only the latest group to commit to turning out the youth vote in November. Liberal activist and billionaire Tom Steyer has promised to spend at least \$31 million on voter organization, believed to be the largest campaign ever targeted to young people. Activists seeking gun control legislation are making similar efforts, buoyed by the work of students following the Parkland school shooting in Florida.

HeadCount, another organization that works to register young voters at music festivals and concerts, said Monday that it is approaching 30,000 people registered—already more than it has ever done for a midterm election. HeadCount has been seeking new voters since 2004.

MTV isn't saying how much it will spend on its cam-

paign, called "+1thevote" in a reference to the phrase for bringing a guest to a concert.

While the other groups are clearly invested in trying to change Republican control of Congress, McCarthy said MTV's effort is non-partisan. Still, it is being launched at a time Democrats seem more active and engaged.

MTV says its measure of success will be an increase in the percentage of young people voting. During the 2010 midterm election in President Barack Obama's first term, only 18 percent of people aged 18-to-20 voted, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

"MTV's mission is to engage and entertain and celebrate the spirit of youth—everything from activism to escapism and all the messy stuff in between," McCarthy said.

## Box office Top 20: 'Crazy Rich Asians' gets even richer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Propelled by an extra strong Sunday, the opening weekend grosses for "Crazy Rich Asians" were even higher than expected. The Warner Bros. romantic comedy earned \$26.5 million in its first weekend in theaters, and \$35.3 million since it hit theaters Wednesday.

Second place went to Warner Bros.' shark thriller "The Meg," now in its second weekend. The Jason Statham pic chomped up an additional \$21.2 million, bringing its domestic total to \$83.8 million.

Mark Wahlberg's R-rated actioner "Mile 22" opened in

third place with \$13.7 million, while "Mission: Impossible—Fallout" took fourth with \$10.8 million.

Rounding out the top five was another new offering, "Alpha," about a young man and his dog in the ice age. "Alpha" grossed \$10.4 million over the weekend.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

1. "Crazy Rich Asians," Warner Bros., \$26,510,140, 3,384 locations, \$7,834 average, \$35,276,909, 1 Week.	3,520 locations, \$3,895 average, \$13,710,825, 1 Week.
2. "The Meg," Warner Bros., \$21,151,012, 4,118 locations, \$5,136 average, \$83,760,074, 2 Weeks.	4. "Mission: Impossible - Fallout," Paramount, \$10,773,347, 3,482 locations, \$3,094 average, \$181,012,068, 4 Weeks.
3. "Mile 22," STX Entertainment, \$13,710,825,	5. "Alpha," Sony, \$10,352,512, 2,719 locations, \$3,807 average, \$10,352,512, 1 Week.

## Man has misgivings about rough talk in the bedroom

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been married 25 years and have three adult children who no longer live with us. We are religious and belong to a conservative church.

We have a satisfying sex life. About 15 years ago we started using graphic language during our lovemaking. We find it exhilarates and enhances our experience. We do not call each other names; we use graphic words to express how good we feel during the act. The excitement I feel from this is cheaper than Viagra.

Is what we are doing wrong? We are empty nesters. I worry about what would happen if our closest religious friends knew. Would they feel the same way toward us? I believe words become wrong when they are used for the wrong motive. When I use them with my wife for better sex, my motive is pure. Do you think other religious couples enjoy this activity?

BEDROOM SECRET IN WEST VIRGINIA

**DEAR SECRET:** Unless your religious friends have a hidden listening device in your bedroom, your worries are groundless. What happens in the bedroom between two adults—as long as it is consensual and hurts neither one—is OK and nobody else's business. As to whether other religious married couples do something similar to what you

and your wife are doing, I think the odds are pretty good they are doing that and more.

**DEAR ABBY:** My younger brother has been with his girlfriend for three years off and on. He's 22; she's 19. He joined the Army during one of their breakups. (Being in the military was something he had wanted to do since he could talk.)

When he was away, she mentally abused him because she "doesn't trust other people." My brother has told me he's only with her because she has nobody else. (She comes from a dysfunctional family.) She doesn't allow him to have any kind of social life when she's not around.

She's now pregnant with what we believe is not my brother's child, given they had broken up and the day they got back together, BAM! she's pregnant. I know it takes only one time, but the dates really don't add up.

This is affecting his relationship with our family and his lifelong buddies. He's my only brother, and I don't want to just flush our relationship as siblings, but I'm exhausted. What do I do?

TIRED IN THE EAST

**DEAR TIRED:** Your family should talk to your brother as a group and discuss your concerns. His girlfriend is immature, insecure and controlling. He will be under her

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**thumb for a lifetime if they marry. Ask him to clarify how honest he was when he said he was with her only because she had no one else.**

**He may be so physically attracted to her he can't think straight, which is why he seems to be willing to accept her manipulation and control. He should not support the baby without first talking to an attorney and insisting on a paternity test.**

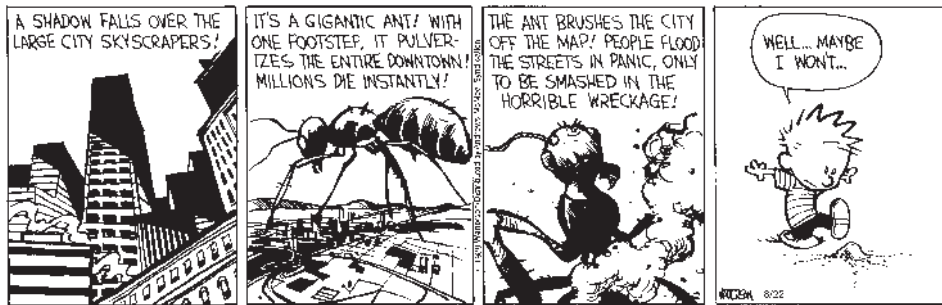
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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



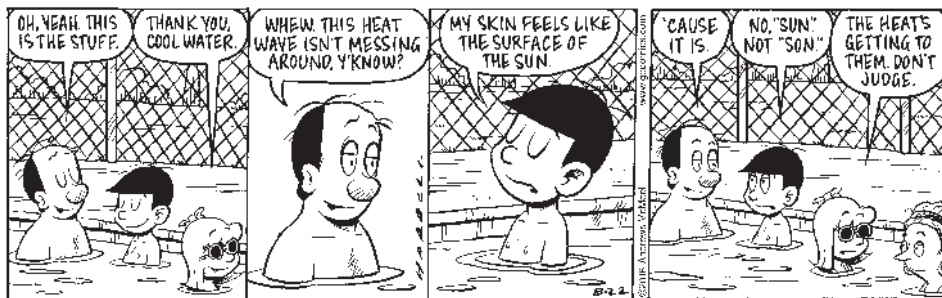
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## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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4 Muffin choice  
8 Band in Boston?  
12 Baton Rouge  
13 Roof overhang  
14 Enrages  
15 Galley item  
16 Variety of maize  
18 German sausage  
20 Press for payment  
21 Bedouin  
24 Two-legged stand  
28 Caesar's first wife  
32 Super-hero's garment  
33 Latin 101 word  
34 Hunk of cheese  
36 Pod dweller  
37 Firsties

**DOWN**

1 Turn the soil  
2 Birthright  
3 Kitten's sound  
4 Scatter  
5 Like sashimi  
6 St. crosser  
7 Must have  
8 Outdoor meal  
9 Acapulco gold  
10 Apiece  
11 Nine-digit ID  
17 Vat  
19 — Diego  
22 Sir Guinness  
23 Try to buy, at auction  
25 Haydn nickname  
26 Autobahn auto  
27 Bargain  
28 Scoundrels  
29 Skip  
30 Judicial garb  
31 Taj Mahal site  
35 Finales  
38 Became enraged  
40 Pallid  
42 Floral ring  
45 Garbage barge  
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50 "CS" network  
51 Hearty quaff  
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53 Flamenco cheer  
54 Civil War soldier

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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**Yesterday's answer 8-22**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** James Corden, 40; Kristen Wiig, 45; Ty Burrell, 51; Valerie Harper, 79.

**Happy Birthday:** Plan your actions carefully this year, and make the most of whatever opportunities come your way. Discuss your plans, and look for positive changes that will encourage greater stability. Personal improvements should not only enhance your looks, but your health as well. Strive for perfection and do what's right. An unexpected setback will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Your numbers are 5, 12, 19, 27, 31, 33, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take a practical approach to work and dealing with peers. Don't let your emotions interfere in the decisions you make. Get along, regardless of what others decide to do. Evaluate your relationship with children, older relatives and romantic partners. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Keep an open mind if you want to get things done. Your enthusiasm coupled with a thoughtful plan will help you overrule any negativity someone tosses your way. Offer dedication, honesty and ambition; success will follow. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Personal improvements should be made for the right reason. Don't overspend on items or products that aren't necessary or that promise the impossible. Spending time with someone will be revealing regarding his or her emotions, motives and intentions. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Discuss problems you face with a loved one. Partnerships have to be handled fairly, and

the desire to build a strong relationship should be your intent. Taking an unusual approach to how you handle personal and professional changes is advised. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Keep your expenses under control, and be willing to work with what you have. A change will end up grounding you, so don't fight the inevitable. Use experience and physical skills to your advantage; progress will be made. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Short trips, business meetings and unusual partnerships will all lead to an interesting partnership with someone who brings out the best in you. Put your ideas into motion, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Not everyone will agree with the choices you make. An emotional setback is apparent if you can't get along with someone you live with or near. Don't let anger take over. Patience and fair solutions will help resolve the problem. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Set up a conference call if it will save you travel expense. Getting your point heard is important, but so is listening and coming up with a plan that will satisfy the person you are dealing with. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Express your thoughts, but don't reveal personal information, passwords or financial records. Don't trust anyone to take care of something that is important to you. A commitment you make will bring about a financial change. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Turn on the charm if you want to get others to see things your way. A change of plans or surroundings will help ease stress and give you a chance to recap what's happened and what you want to see unfold. \*\*\*



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Dealing with hospitals or financial institutions will be stressful. Try not to overreact or let the changes that take place undermine your intelligence. Make decisions based on facts. Form partnerships with those willing to meet you halfway. \*\*\*



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Get involved in something you feel strongly about. The input you offer will lead to suggestions and help that will make a difference to the professional choices you are given. A chance to advance is within reach. \*\*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are original, curious and strong-minded. You are bold and progressive.

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's Answer

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# Record-setting Djokovic chases third US Open title

**NEW YORK (AP)**—From the pits of despair in Paris, record-setting Novak Djokovic now eyes a third US Open title in New York where for the first time since Wimbledon last year, the sport's 'Big Four' will be reunited.

Djokovic became the first man to win all nine Masters titles with victory over Roger Federer at Cincinnati on Sunday.

Having captured, against all the odds, a fourth Wimbledon in July, the 31-year-old Serb suddenly finds himself as joint-favourite with world number one Rafael Nadal to triumph at Flushing Meadows.

Champion in 2011 and 2015, and a five-time runner-up, Djokovic sat out the 2017 US Open to nurse an elbow injury.

His physical limitations were still evident when he slumped away from Roland Garros in June after a shock quarterfinal loss to journeyman Marco Cecchinato, threatening to skip Wimbledon to mend his shattered self-confidence.

Fast forward three months and Djokovic is once again the man to beat.

"It's a wonderful feeling. It's been a couple of tough months for me with an injury but then winning Wimbledon and Cincinnati," Djokovic said.

Djokovic's Wimbledon triumph took his Grand Slam title collection to 13, just one behind Pete Sampras.

He also has 31 Masters, two back from Nadal but four more than Federer.

He will head for New York buoyed by his dominance over his three major rivals as well—he leads Nadal 27-25, Federer, 24-22, and Andy Murray 25-11.



"He's a great champion," said Federer in praise of Djokovic in Cincinnati.

World number one Nadal, who won the US Open last year to add to his 2010 and 2013 victories, skipped Cincinnati after triumphing in Toronto the week before.

The Spaniard clinched an 11th French Open in June to take his majors tally to 17 before falling to Djokovic in a five-set, 5-hour 15-minute semi-final loss at Wimbledon.

"Tennis is a high-demanding sport in terms of physical effort," said 32-year-old Nadal.

"I cannot forget that I am older every year."

Federer also knows that the clock is ticking.

The 20-time Grand Slam winner won the last of his five US Opens in 2008.

Now 37, Federer would become the oldest New York champion in the Open era should he lift the trophy again on Sept. 9 and second oldest of all time.

But he was knocked out by 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro in the quarterfinals last year having had to negotiate two five-setters in the opening rounds.

Despite defending his Australian Open title in January, Federer's hopes of a ninth Wimbledon were blown apart in a five-set loss to Kevin Anderson in the quarter-finals.

It was his earliest exit at the All England Club in five years. "Hopefully I have a chance after 10 years to do something special again at the US Open," said Federer.

"I can't wait for the US Open to come around."

Murray, the 2012 champion, is set to play his first Slam since a hip injury suffered at Wimbledon last year.

His comeback has been far from smooth after spending almost a year on the sidelines

and has played only seven matches since his return.

The former world number one has even seen his ranking nosedive to 378 in the world—making him Britain's

AP  
Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns to Roger Federer of Switzerland during the finals at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

eighth-best player!

Outside of the 'Big Four', Del Potro, at a career-high three in the world, remains a dangerman.

Amongst the widely-hyped 'Next Gen', world number four Alexander Zverev is still a work in progress.

The German's run to the last-eight at the French Open this year remains his best performance at the majors while his last two visits to New York ended in a pair of second-round losses.

Greek 20-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas, at 15 in the world from 161 this time last year, is the in-form youngster.

He was runner-up to Nadal in Toronto, beating four Top 10 players on the way including Djokovic and Zverev.

But a loss in his opener in Cincinnati proved a sobering reminder that most probably it will be either Nadal, Djokovic or Federer who will be a New York champion again this year.

## DeRozan opens up about mental health struggles athletes confront



**SAN ANTONIO** — DeMar

DeRozan has been very open about his battle with depression. From an outsiders point of view, the NBA star has it all. His contract, five years \$139 million ensures that he is financially well off, which many people associate with being in a good place.

But in a recent feature story by ESPN's Jackie MacMullan about the NBA's mental health issue, DeRozan spoke to the point that being rich doesn't mean everything else comes easily.

"You think when you come from a difficult environment that if you get out and you make it to the NBA, all that bad stuff is supposed to be wiped clean," DeRozan told MacMullan.

"But then this whole new dynamic loaded with stress comes your way. People say, 'What are you depressed about? You can buy anything you want.' I wish everyone in the world was rich so they would realize money isn't everything."

And he is right. Sure, NBA stars earn what is to some people an unfathomable amount of money, but they also are people who have issues arise in their per-

sonal lives. Add in tonnes of pressure to perform and the sometimes negative world of social media, and it is easy to understand why an athlete may struggle with their mental health.

Other players such as Kevin Love, Paul Pierce, and Chris Bosh opened up in the feature about what they have had to go through mentally during their careers.

While it is tough to see anybody struggle with this problem, it is really great that people, including NBA players, are comfortable with being open and honest about their battle.

In Atlanta, the rebuilding Hawks have added depth by signing guard-forward Daniel Hamilton and forward Alex Poythress.

Poythress was signed to a two-way contract, so the former Kentucky player will split his time with the Hawks' G League Erie team.

Hamilton averaged 2.0 points in six games with Oklahoma City last season while on a two-way contract with the Thunder. He spent most of the season with the G League Oklahoma City Blue.

Poythress averaged 1 point in 25 games with Indiana last season. He began the season on a two-way contract.

## Ronaldo leads UEFA best player award shortlist

**NYON, Switzerland (AP)**—The UEFA award for the best Europe-based player last season won't be won by a World Cup champion from France.

Instead, three-time winner Cristiano Ronaldo was joined Monday by former Real Madrid teammate Luka Modric and Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah on a shortlist selected by Champions League coaches and invited journalists across Europe.

Three France players were in the top 10: Antoine Griezmann of Atletico Madrid was fourth, Kylian Mbappe of Paris Saint-Germain was sixth and Raphael Varane of Real Madrid was eighth.

The award typically rewards Champions League performances—with all three on the shortlist having played in the final in May—but voters can take the World Cup into account. Coaches could

not vote for players on their own team.

"Players are judged on their performances in all competitions—domestic, continental and international," UEFA said in a statement.

The winner will be announced on Aug. 30 in Monaco at the draw for the group stage of the Champions League.

At the World Cup in Russia, Griezmann won the Bronze Ball as the third-best player at the tournament, selected by a FIFA expert panel, plus the Silver Boot for second place in the scoring table. Mbappe was named best young player in Russia.

Modric won the Golden Ball for captaining Croatia to the final, where his team lost to France.

Ronaldo, now with Juven-

tus, has won the UEFA award each time Madrid has been European champion since the vote was introduced in 2011.

Lionel Messi also won twice, after Barcelona's Champions League titles in 2011 and 2015. Messi was fifth in this year's voting, UEFA said Monday.

The vote does not always reward a Champions League winner. In 2012, Andres Iniesta won the prize weeks after helping Spain to a second straight European title although Barcelona was eliminated in the Champions League semifinals.

UEFA will also name the best goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and forward in Monaco next week. Ronaldo and Salah are on the forwards shortlist with Messi, and Modric is joined by Kevin De





# Kluber, Indians survive Porcello, Red Sox



**BOSTON**  
(AP)—Boston pitcher

Rick Porcello had the wind knocked out of him after taking a hard liner to the stomach. Two pitches later, Cleveland's Greg Allen knocked the energy right out of Fenway Park.

Allen hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning right after Porcello was struck, Corey Kluber tied for the major league lead with his 16th win and the Indians beat the Red Sox, 5-4, Monday night.

"That was intense," Allen said. "You really weren't sure (if he was staying in) especially after a hit like that."

In a meeting of AL division leaders—and a matchup of the last two Cy Young Award winners, it was 3-all into the seventh.

Porcello (15-6) retired the leadoff batter and walked the next hitter. Yan Gomes followed with a liner that hit Porcello near the stomach—Porcello retrieved the ball near the mound, threw to second for a forceout and then slid to his knees, grabbing the spot where he was hit.

Porcello was checked on the mound, took a practice toss or two, and stayed in the game. Allen then sent a drive into the Indians' bullpen for his second home run of the season.

"I don't think the one that hit him had any effect on the next pitch. The first changeup was a good one," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "Then he threw another one and he hung it."

Porcello said after he caught his breath that he was fine. He was more bothered by what he threw after that.

"The pitch to Allen—I'm not trying to take anything away from him—but I think even I could have hit that one pretty hard," he said. "That was not a good pitch and it came at the worst possible time."

Kluber (16-6) pitched into the seventh inning and matched Washington's Max Scherzer and the Yankees' Luis Severino for the most victories in the majors.

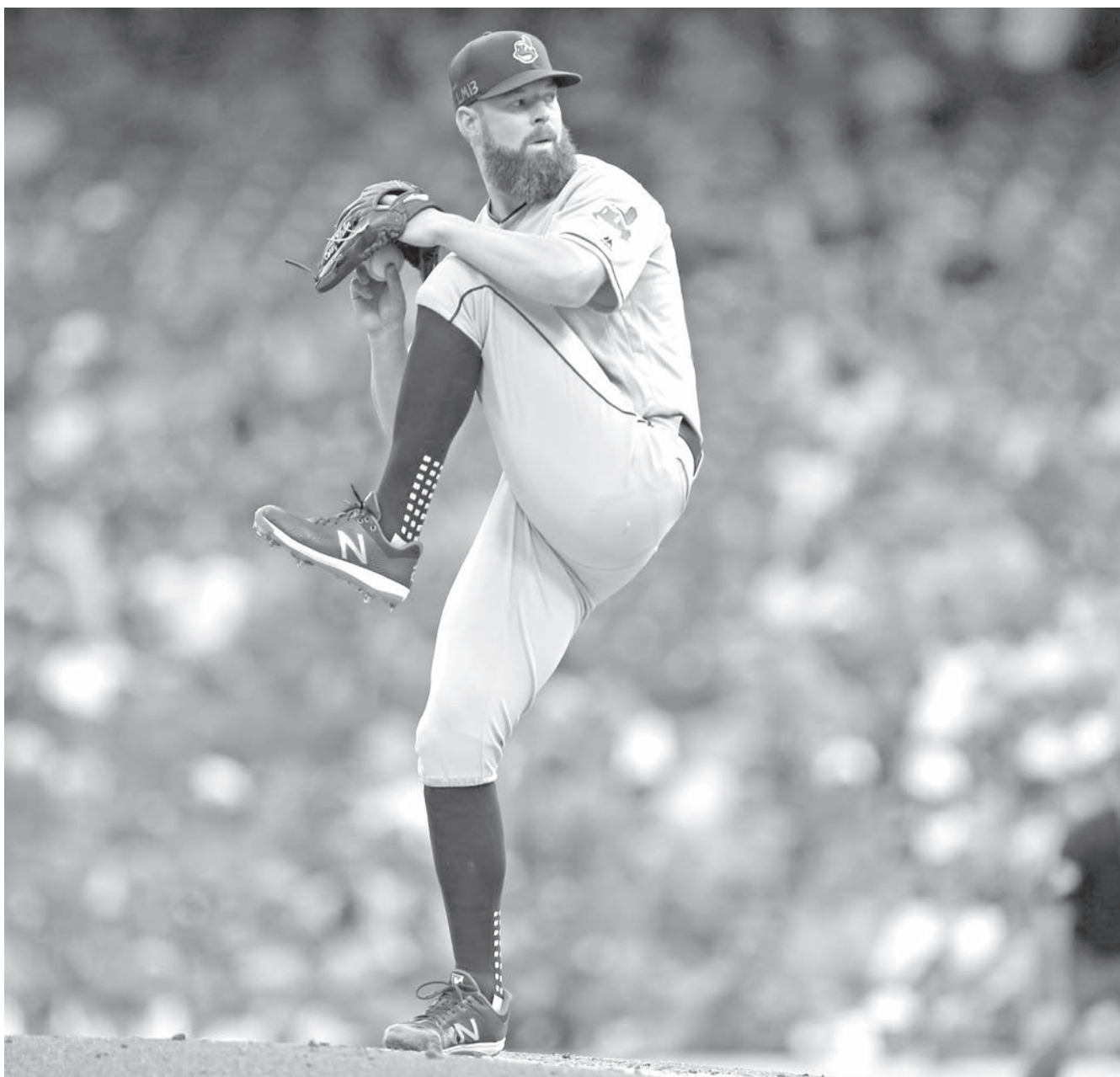
Michael Brantley and Melky Cabrera also homered to help the AL Central-leading Indians improve to 14-4 in August.

Xander Bogaerts had an early two-run single and an RBI single in the ninth for East-leading Boston.

The Red Sox had the first two runners on against closer Cody Allen in the ninth, and scored a run on Bogaerts' dribbler with two outs before Ian Kinsler flied out with two runners on base, leaving them with just their fifth loss in 22 games.

"That's what's called holding on for dear life," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

Allen posted his 25th save.



Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

Milwaukee rallied for a victory.

Shaw's two-run homer off Homer Bailey put the Brewers up 3-2 in the sixth. Jesus Aguilar singled to open the inning and Shaw followed with his 25th homer, lining an 0-2 pitch into the right-field seats.

Anderson (8-7) entered tied for the NL lead with 24 homers allowed and gave up second-inning solo shots to Eugenio Suarez and Phillip Ervin as the Reds took a 2-0 lead. Anderson then retired the final 14 hitters he faced.

Jeremy Jeffress pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

## Athletics 9, Rangers 0

In Oakland, Khris Davis hit a long home run after letting a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation sign his jersey, Ramon Laureano hit the first two homers of his career, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers.

Davis' shot for his 37th homer of the year was estimated at 438 feet and clanked off a window in the suite-level in left-center field. He did it wearing a uniform signed by 10-year-old Anthony Slocumb. The Oakland sixth-grader attended the game with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Davis asked him to sign his jersey before the game.

## Giants 2, Mets 1

In New York, Mets left fielder Dominic Smith readily took the blame for plowing into shortstop Amed Rosario on the potential inning-ending play in the 13th inning that ended up costing his team the game.

Smith, a highly touted prospect who has been envisioned as the Mets' first-baseman of the future, was positioned in deep left field after a double-switch an inning earlier when San Francisco's Brandon Crawford lifted a lazy popup with runners on first and third and two outs.

Rosario, who earlier in the game had dropped a routine foul ball, ranged into shallow left field, waved off Smith and was in position for a routine catch when Smith came charging in and barged into him.

The ball ticked off Rosario's glove and fell to the ground, and Andrew McCutchen scored on the botched play that resulted in an error for Smith and gave the Giants the tiebreaking run in a win over New York.

"You can breathe a sigh of relief after throwing 27 pitches and 20 of them were questionable and seven of them were good," he said.

Kluber, who won his second Cy Young Award last year, gave up three runs and nine hits, striking out six and walking one in 6 1/3 innings.

Porcello allowed five runs on three homers, fanning six and walking one over seven.

The game featured four top contenders for the AL MVP award: Boston outfielder Mookie Betts, who leads the majors in hitting (.342), and DH/outfielder J.D. Martinez, the majors' home run (38) and RBI leader (106), along with Cleveland third baseman Jose Ramirez (second in homers with 37) and shortstop Francisco Lindor.

Trailing 3-0, Cabrera homered into Boston's bullpen in the fifth and Brantley hit his drive into Cleveland's bullpen the next inning.

Bogaerts flicked a low-and-away pitch into right-center with two outs in the first for his single.

Andrew Benintendi's opposite-field RBI single made it 3-0 in the third.

## Braves 1, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Bryse Wilson worked five solid innings, becoming the third 20-year-

old pitcher to start in his big league debut for Atlanta this season.

Wilson (1-0) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked three as Atlanta increased its NL East lead to one game over idle Philadelphia while ending its four-game skid.

Dan Winkler pitched the ninth, working around a lead-off single for his second save.

Pittsburgh has allowed exactly one run in five straight games, but has lost three of them. The organization hasn't done that since July 13-18, 1888, when they were the Alleghenys, according to Stats.

The Braves scored in the first inning when Freddie Freeman hit a two-out double and scored on Nick Markakis' single.

Pirates starter Chris Archer (4-6) was removed after four innings because of left leg discomfort. Pittsburgh is optimistic he'll make his next scheduled start.

## Blue Jays 5, Orioles 3

In Toronto, Kendrys Morales homered twice, Marco Estrada pitched 5 1/3 innings to win his second straight start and Toronto improved to 8-0 at home against Baltimore.

Morales hit a one-out solo homer in the fourth, then added a three-run drive in the fifth—both off Baltimore

right-hander Andrew Cashner (4-11)—for his 22nd career multihomer game.

Renato Nunez replied with a solo home run for the struggling Orioles, who have lost nine of their past 11.

Estrada (7-9) allowed three runs and seven hits, improving to 9-2 in 18 career games against Baltimore. Ken Giles finished for his 16th save in 16 opportunities.

## White Sox 8, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Matt Davidson homered, Lucas Giolito (9-9) struck out six in six innings and Chicago spoiled Stephen Gonsalves' major league debut.

Playing without manager Rick Renteria, Chicago won for the fourth time in five games in the makeup of snowed-out April contest. Davidson drove in three runs, and Jose Abreu had two hits and two RBI.

Renteria experienced light-headedness before the game and was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Bench coach Joe McEwing served as the manager, and the team said tests on Renteria didn't show any problems.

Jake Cave and Max Kepler homered for the second straight day for Minnesota, which had won five of six.

Gonsalves (0-1) surren-

dered four runs in just 1 1/3 innings.

## Rays 1, Royals 0

In St. Petersburg, Ryan Yarbrough helped extend Tampa Bay's shutout streak to 23 innings, and the Rays got their only run via video replay.

Yarbrough (12-5) pitched 5 1/3 innings in relief of opener Hunter Wood. The rookie left-hander gave up two hits and a walk while striking out six, earning his major league-leading 10th relief win.

Jose Alvarado pitched the ninth for his fifth save and stretched the Rays' streak of scoreless innings, which included 14 over the weekend in Boston.

Willy Adames drove in the game's first run. After singles by Ji-Man Choi and Kevin Kiermaier in the second inning, Adames hit a two-out chopper over third base. Adames beat Rosell Herrera's throw across the diamond, but it took a 43-second review to reverse the original out call.

The run came off right-hander Jorge Lopez (0-3), who pitched five innings in his second major league start.

## Brewers 5, Reds 2

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw and Christian Yelich homered, Chase Anderson settled in after giving up two solo homers and



# San Nicolas wants more tournaments

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Weightlifter Angel San Nicolas eyes more tournaments after winning in last month's 9th Micronesian Games in Yap.

"I just got to keep competing until I can't compete anymore," said San Nicolas, who swept the three gold medals at stake in the men's 105-kilogram division in the

weightlifting event in the Micro Games.

One of the tournaments he is targeting in the XVI Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa next year.

San Nicolas added that although he won three medals in Yap, that was not his best and he aims for a better showing in upcoming tournaments.

"My preparations for the Micro Games started in January, that was a mistake. I started too early, which meant I peaked too soon. It

paid off, but I didn't perform to my best, and I wanted to show what I can really do," the 2017 Mini Games bronze medalist said.

"I'm happy for the medals, but I know my best wasn't put on display that day. It is what it is. Honestly, I was just happy that it was over," San Nicolas said.

While he was not contended with his own performance, San Nicolas tipped his hat to his teammates—Rodrigo Ada, Bonny Cruz, Antonette La-

bausa, and Joey Tudela.

"I am so happy for them. They've exceeded my expectations. They performed better than I did. Two of them went 6/6 and two went 5/6. Three of them were able to set new personal bests. So I'm really proud of them. I wouldn't have asked for another team. We bonded pretty well, no drama whatsoever. We were very encouraging of each other, so it couldn't have gone better," the weightlifter said.



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Angel San Nicolas honors the CNMI flag during the awards presentation in last month's 9th Micronesian Games in Yap.

## 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus at stake in golf tourney



One lucky, non-professional golfer has the opportunity of the year to win a 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus, four-door sedan.

In partnership with the Marianas Tourism Education Council, Triple J Motors is excited to offer the 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus as hole-in-one prize for the 3rd Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament that will be held on Sept. 1 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

A soul-red color, 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus will be located on the east course's hole No. 4 to encourage golfers to take their best shot at the hole-in-one prize. Equipped with a fuel-efficient, 4-cylinder engine with automatic transmission, 16" aluminum alloy wheels, remote keyless entry and a push-button start ignition system, a 7" full-color touchscreen display with six speakers, back-up camera, and Mazda Connect infotainment system with voice-command, the 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus offers driv-

ers style, comfort and safety.

"This vehicle is Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute For Highway Safety, a current Car & Driver 'Editor's Choice' and has been Saipan's No. 1 selling sedan for more than two years. Good luck to all golfers and swing away on

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Triple J Motors Saipan sales manager Ben Lizama, fourth left, hands over the keys of a 2018 Mazda3i Sport Plus, a hole-in-one prize in the 3rd Annual Governor's Tourism Cup, to tournament director James Nelson, right. Also in the photo are, from left, sales associate Manning Salas and MVA's Martin Duenas and Ray Villagomez.

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have another opportunity to play soccer for the national team again, so I'm thankful for being able to play in this tournament," Race said.

"It feels great to be home and play with the national team. The girls and the coaches have always felt like a second family to me so I'm glad to be back. I am hoping to add my past EAFF and college soccer experience to the women's team. We have a young team this year with a lot of potential, but I think some of the girls need a little more confidence and I'm hoping to help them find it," added Race, who plays for Saddleback College in the California Community College Athletics Association.

Borja and Villagomez, who teamed up with Race in the same competition in 2016, are also honored to have another

chance to represent the CNMI.

"As a member of the CNMI women's national team, soccer is one of the few constants in my life. No matter how much I play, the feeling I get while playing is incomparable to any other—it's as if I was born to play the beautiful game. The satisfaction of knowing I'm representing my island while doing something I love is amazing. Soccer is something I will never get tired of. And it's not always a walk in the park, but all the blood, sweat, and tears are worth it once we are on the pitch, playing for the CNMI," Borja said.

Villagomez seconded her teammate, adding that though a lot of hard work and dedication are required to be on the team, they are all worth it, especially for her, as she wants to play for the Commonwealth before she leaves Saipan for college.

"It is truly a great feeling

and an amazing opportunity to be able to represent the CNMI once again in an off-island tournament, considering it'll be one of my last for now before I graduate and head off for college. There's just something about representing our island that makes me feel proud," the Saipan International School student said.

"Training to become one of the selected 18 players was a tough, tough battle. We began to have training 6 times a week, 2-3 hours a day. I was injured a little over a month ago before the everyday training, which I knew was an important part to get the team ready and fit for the tournament in Mongolia. In my head I kept telling myself to take care my injury, heal as fast as possible and then train to the best of my ability and more once I got back. Everyone push and support each other during training. Thanks to all

the coaches and the support from all of my teammates, I was able to secure a spot on the team," she added.

The CNMI squad will be playing the host, Guam, and Macau in the qualifier and EAFF returnee Tuazon wants to make it a personal mission to beat Macau.

"For my third appearance in the EAFF tournament, I would love to accomplish one thing—which is to beat Macau, again. I think the girls would love that as well. In some meetings we had, we would talk about how we fell short versus Macau two years ago and I don't want to repeat history," said Tuazon.

Before the tournament in Mongolia, 14 members of the squad will go to Japan for a training camp, while the rest of the team will be in Ulan Bator by Sept. 29, as the women's competition will run from Sept. 2 to 7.

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willing to challenge the other nations and give them good competition," Tan said, who will be representing the CNMI in an international tournament for the second time this year.

She first joined the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 held here last June and won gold medals in the 3,000m and 5,00m runs and took the silver in the 1,500m race.

"I will be running on a golf course and I have never ran a 4K race before so I will do my best to have a good time," said Tan, who completed the 5K run at the Oleai Sports Complex oval during the Oceania Micronesia meet under the 22-minute mark (21:49.52).

Santos also participated in the Oceania Micronesia competition and suited up for the CNMI National Team in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap last month. He earned a bronze medal in the 1,500m race in the Micro Games.

Saipan International School headmaster Ron Snyder will coach Santos and Tan in the Australian competition.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	88	38	.698	—
New York	78	46	.629	9
Tampa Bay	64	61	.512	23½
Toronto	56	69	.448	31½
Baltimore	37	88	.296	50½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	72	52	.581	—
Minnesota	59	65	.476	13
Detroit	51	74	.408	21½
Chicago	47	77	.379	25
Kansas City	38	87	.304	34½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	50	.600	—
Oakland	75	50	.600	—
Seattle	72	54	.571	3½
Los Angeles	63	63	.500	12½
Texas	56	71	.441	20

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# CNMI National Team at EAFF U15 Boys Tournament

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John Ezekiel Canape, left, and Merrick Toves perform warm-up drills before the CNMI Boys U15 National Team's game in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Boys Tournament 2018 held last month in Xianghe, China.



Goalkeeper Jonathan Mindanao is in a defensive stance waiting to deflect a shot from his teammate during a warm-up session.



CNMI players listen to instructions from coach Michiteru Mita before going to the pitch for their match versus Chinese-Taipei.



Head coach Michiteru Mita, left, and his assistant Jersh Angeles, watch their players do warm-up drills.



John Martin Palad catches the ball, while fellow goalie Jonathan Mindanao looks on.



Assistant coach Jersh Angeles discusses key points on the team's tactics before their match against Japan.



Rintaro Miyawaki, left, does dribbling skills, while Taka Borja, heads back to the line to take his turn.





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Jeralyn Castillo



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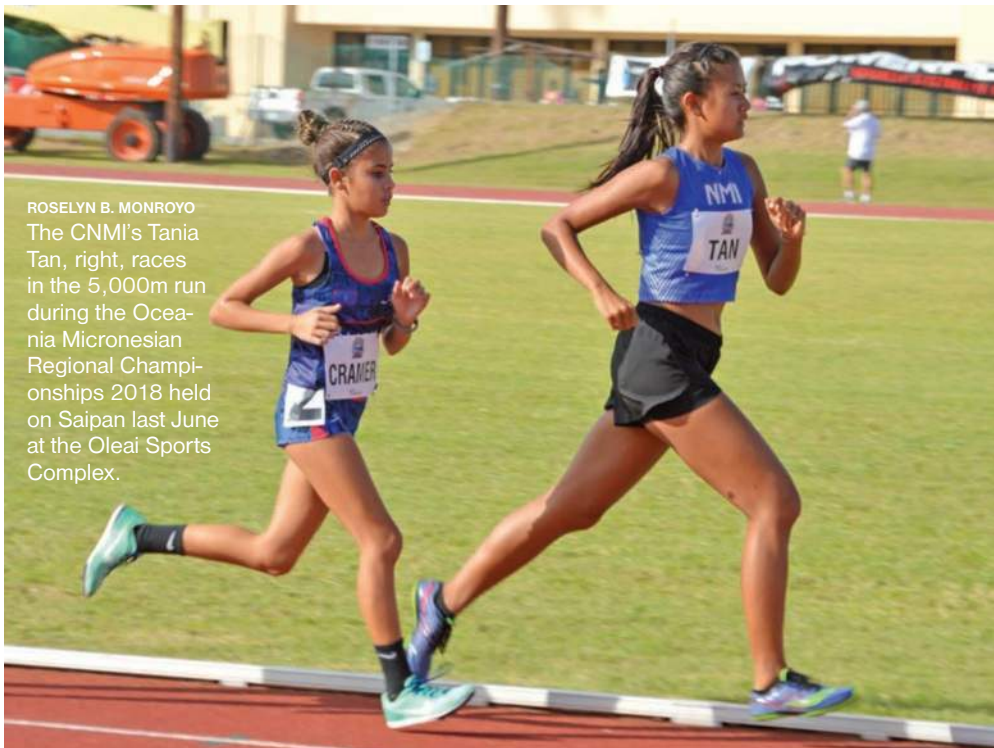
## Tan, Santos to race in Aussie cross-country

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Saipan's Tania Tan and Tin-

ian's Tyler Santos are heading to Australia tomorrow to represent the CNMI in the 2018 Australian Cross-Country

Championships. Tan is entered in the 4-kilometer race, while Santos will be doing the longer 6K event.



The tournament will be held this Saturday at the Maleny Golf Club in Sunshine Coast, Queensland with Tan among the 87 runners competing in the 16 to 17 age group and Santos also racing in the same division, which has 88 runners from various cities and states in the Land Down Under.

"I am beyond thankful and honored to be selected by the NMA to participate in this competition. Since we're such a small group of islands and hardly anyone knows us, I feel like this is my chance to show the world that even though we're small and might not have all the opportunities and resources to compete in other global events, we are still

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Eighteen players made it to the CNMI Women's National Team that will be competing in the EAFF E-1 Women's Preliminary Round 1 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia next month.

The selection includes Emalyn Aniana, Guinevere Borja, Sharmaine Francisco, Jerlyn and Jeralyn Castillo, Gillian Villagomez, Gabrielle Race, Gianna Griffin, Emiliana King, Britany Wally, Janelle Chojnacki, Carla Ballesteros, Krizel Tuazon, Therize Millare, Katrina Costales, Grace Choi, Pauyllynn Joyce, and Sue Ann Huevos. Olympian Luen Khen Koo will call the shots for the squad, while other team officials will be announced this weekend in a send-off ceremony for the group.

Majority of the members of the team have suited up for

the CNMI national squad (youth and women's) and are on island, while King is the lone Tinian player selected on the squad. Griffin, on the other hand, is the only player who has yet to meet the group, as she is based in the mainland and will join her teammates in Mongolia. Race is also based in the mainland, but arrived on Saipan last month to attend the team's training sessions and don the colors of the CNMI anew.

"It is always an honor to represent the CNMI. After moving to California for college, I was not sure if I would

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